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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF CORA IDA GRAY AMESBURY
9 DONALDSON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 death on February 11, 1017, of Mrs. Cora Ida "Gray" Amesbury
13 Donaldson of Troy, Alabama, at the age of 95 years; and

14 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 her loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
16 where she was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson was born in Beatrice,
18 Alabama, on April 16, 1921, to William Henry Gray and Lucy
19 Cora Daugette; and

20 WHEREAS, growing up in Rosinton, Alabama, she
21 attended the Rosinton Methodist Church, where Reverend Sid
22 Mathison was a significant spiritual influence in her life;
23 later she enjoyed hearing his son, Dr. John Ed Mathison,
24 preach at The Church in the Pines on Lake Martin; and

25 WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of Robertsdale High School,
26 Mrs. Donaldson was the first in her family to receive a high
27 school diploma; and

1 WHEREAS, after graduation, she moved to Mobile to
2 begin her career at Gayfers Department Store, where she gained
3 a loyal clientele and received numerous awards for her top
4 sales and teamwork; and

5 WHEREAS, in July 1949, she married Thomas Richard
6 Amesbury, a union which produced two daughters, Patsy and
7 Kathy; and

8 WHEREAS, in April 1978, she married Gene Donaldson
9 and together they enjoyed traveling, gardening, and spending
10 time with grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson was preceded in death by her
12 parents, eight siblings, husband, and son-in-law, Kenneth H.
13 Weed, Sr.; and

14 WHEREAS, survivors include daughters, Patricia
15 Amesbury Weed-Hollis (Jerry) and Kathryn Gray Amesbury
16 Campbell (Kenny); grandchildren, Scarlet Weed Stokes (Brent),
17 Kenneth Harper Weed, Jr., (Kim), Stephanie Gray Campbell Baker
18 (Matt), Ellen Weed Estes (Ricky), Troy Thomas Weed (Ashley),
19 Newton Kenneth Campbell, Jr., (Jamie), and Christopher James
20 Campbell (Stephanie); and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Cora Ida
23 "Gray" Amesbury Donaldson is recorded with deep sadness, and
24 this resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with
25 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
26 many.