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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. GENTA JOSEPHINE SHARP
9 SPEAKMAN.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
12 the death of Mrs. Genta Josephine Spark Speakman of Auburn,
13 Alabama, on April 15, 2013, at the age of 75 years; and

14 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 her loving family and her many friends; and

16 WHEREAS, born on December 20, 1937, in Birmingham,
17 Alabama, she became a devout Christian at an early age and
18 remained a faithful servant; she was a member of Lakeview
19 Baptist Church for 47 years, serving in many capacities
20 including teaching, singing in the choir, and participating in
21 Evangelism Explosion and Senior Saints; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1956, she graduated from Ramsay High
23 School, where she was a varsity cheerleader and member of the
24 girls varsity basketball team; in 1957, she enrolled in what
25 was then Alabama Polytechnic Institute and became a member of
26 the first graduating class under the new name of Auburn
27 University in 1960, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree and

1 embarking upon a career with the Alabama Cooperative Extension
2 Service at its AU headquarters in Duncan Hall; in 1983, she
3 earned an Educational Specialist Degree from AU and later
4 became a district agent with the Extension Service in Selma
5 and in Auburn; she retired in 1999 and was given the honor of
6 full professor emeritus; and

7 WHEREAS, during retirement, she enjoyed traveling
8 and volunteering her time at Women's Hope Medical Clinic; and

9 WHEREAS, preceding her in death were her parents,
10 Fred Hall Sharp and Imogene Murphree Sharp, and sisters,
11 Martha Sharp, Evelyn Buchanan, Doris McKnight, Jean Farless,
12 and Irene Sharp; and

13 WHEREAS, she leaves to mourn her death her sons,
14 Michael Sharp (Susan) Speakman and Steven Todd (Sandy)
15 Speakman; grandchildren, Lauren Lovett Speakman, Landon Sharp
16 Speakman, Claudia Darela Rodriguez, Mary Grace Speakman,
17 Benjamin Thomas Speakman, and Elijah Lee Speakman; sister,
18 Nancy (Charles) Fox; brother, Fred Hall (Anne) Sharp, Jr.; and
19 best friend of 47 years, Jean (Hub) Waldrop; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Speakman will be remembered for her
21 devotion to family and faith, instilling in her children and
22 grandchildren the importance of education, hard work,
23 determination, and a positive attitude; although her presence
24 will be greatly missed, her legacy will endure in the hearts
25 of those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Genta

1 Josephine Sharp Speakman is recorded with deep sadness, and
2 this resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life
3 along with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is
4 shared by many.