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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF BETTY J. SMITH.

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10 WHEREAS, we note with regret the passing of Mrs.  
11 Betty J. Smith of Florence at the age of 83 years; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Geraldine, Mrs. Smith was a  
13 graduate of Geraldine High School and Nashville Business  
14 College; she and her husband, the late Hugh B. Smith, owned  
15 and operated Southland Merchandising Company in Florence; Mrs.  
16 Smith was an active member of Highland Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, a beloved wife, mother, and daughter, Mrs.  
18 Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh B. Smith;  
19 parents, Claude and Ora Marbut Gilbert; and children, Samuel,  
20 Travis, Katherine, and Anita Fay; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith is survived by her sister, Nell  
22 Coots; nephew, Jerry (Susie) Coots; great-nephews, Ty Coots  
23 and Michael Rosellini; niece, Sandy Rosellini; great-niece,  
24 Shala (Rich) Harger; dear friends, Billy and Beth Prestage,  
25 Dale and Kathy Barnett, and Jack and Betty Bobo;  
26 sister-in-law, Audry Gilbert; and numerous relatives and  
27 friends; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith's passing is a great loss to her  
2 family and members of the community who will remember her as a  
3 lady who embraced what life had to offer and returned the best  
4 of herself; the memory of her abundant and inspiring life will  
5 be treasured in the hearts and minds of many; now therefore,

6                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with appreciation and  
8 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Betty J. Smith is honored in this  
9 special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest  
10 condolences are extended to her family.