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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. BILLIE RUTH PENTECOST
9 LANKFORD.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
12 the death of Mrs. Billie Ruth Pentecost Lankford of Holt,
13 Alabama, on May 2, 2013, at the age of 80 years; and

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

17 WHEREAS, born on April 20, 1933, in Hokes Bluff, she
18 graduated from Hokes Bluff High School, where she was a
19 cheerleader; and

20 WHEREAS, she retired from Holt Elementary School
21 after 25 years, where she was known for her extraordinary
22 interest in the children, her creative problem-solving
23 methods, and her ability to solicit help for the school and
24 the community; through the years, she served as PTA president
25 for Holt Elementary School, Boteler Junior High school, and
26 Holt High School, in addition to contributing substantially to

1 the PTA at the state level; she also directed weddings and
2 enjoyed making floral arrangements and wedding veils; and

3 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, she was
4 involved in every aspect of the Holt United Methodist Church
5 and was honored by the church on February 10, 2013, with
6 "Billie Ruth Lankford Day," having previously received a
7 similar honor from Holt Elementary School; in recent years,
8 she became a leader with the OASIS Low Vision Support Group at
9 FOCUS on Senior Citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, she was predeceased by her parents, John
11 William and Flora Pentecost, and four sisters, Martha Jean
12 Little, Helen Wilkerson, Linda Bidy, and Donna Sue Pentecost;
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14 WHEREAS, survivors include her husband of 61 years,
15 Donald E. Lankford; children, Donald P. Lankford and Melanie
16 Lankford; granddaughters, Sherry Lankford, Holly (Kristian)
17 Eriksen, and Darla (Ramiro) Mata; great-granddaughter, Sommer
18 Eriksen; special friend, Sharon Muller; and many other family
19 members; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lankford was a valued member of the
21 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
22 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
23 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Billie Ruth
26 Pentecost Lankford is recorded with deep sadness, and this

1 resolution is offered with heartfelt sympathy to her family,
2 whose grief is shared by many.