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3 By Senators Whatley, Dial, Albritton, Allen, Beasley,  
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5 Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw,  
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR103,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
6 NETTYE KATHRYN RICE TURNHAM.

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8 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
9 to learn of the death of Nettie Kathryn "Kay" Rice Turnham on  
10 April 21, 2016, at 92 years of age, and we uplift her  
11 inspiring legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

12 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Turnham leaves a void  
13 in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the  
14 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turnham was born January 25, 1924, to  
16 the union of Ernest and Ruth Rice of Birmingham, Alabama; she  
17 attended Phillips High School in Birmingham and majored in  
18 Laboratory Technology at Auburn University; she entered her  
19 first job at St. Margaret's Hospital Laboratory in Montgomery,  
20 Alabama, and worked at Physician's Medical Laboratory Service  
21 in Sarasota, Florida, during World War II; later, she was  
22 employed with several research labs at Auburn; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turnham taught Kindergarten Sunday  
24 School classes at Auburn First Baptist Church for 10 years;  
25 she answered the Lord's call upon her life to teach young

1 children full-time and earned a Master's Degree from what is  
2 now Auburn University's School of Human Sciences; Mrs. Turnham  
3 built one of Auburn's first pre-schools, Happy House School;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, at age 57, she earned another Master's  
6 Degree from the Auburn University School of Education; she  
7 taught as an aide at Dean Road School and then was employed  
8 full-time with Beauregard School for eight years; she retired  
9 after 26 years of serving as an educator; and

10 WHEREAS, in retirement, she served on the Literacy  
11 Board and helped many adults and children learn to read; she  
12 served with numerous organizations and was loved and admired  
13 by many; and

14 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted  
15 husband of 73 years, our friend and colleague, former  
16 Representative Pete Turnham; four children, Diane Turnham  
17 McCrary (Bill), Tim Turnham (Tina), Ruthmary Turnham, and Joe  
18 Turnham (Paula); six grandchildren, Audrey Murdaugh (Bob),  
19 Lindsey Davis (Jared), Blake Turnham, Timothy Turnham, Abby  
20 Turnham, and Pete Matthew Turnham; five great-grandchildren,  
21 Austin Murdaugh, Sarah Kathryn Murdaugh, Noah Murdaugh, April  
22 Murdaugh, and Lauren Davis; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turnham was a valued member of the  
24 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory

1 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
2 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
5 Nettye Kathryn Rice Turnham, we are extremely grateful for her  
6 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
7 to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to  
8 her family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Whatley