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3 By Senators Holley and Dial
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8 RECOGNIZING GERALDINE GRIMES BOOTHE ON HER INDUCTION
9 INTO THE OPP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Geraldine Grimes Boothe on her outstanding
13 achievement of being inducted into the Opp Chamber of Commerce
14 Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boothe is being inducted at the
16 Opp Chamber of Commerce Annual Hall of Fame Induction and
17 Membership Banquet on May 12, 2016, at the First Baptist
18 Church Fellowship Center; and

19 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boothe earned the honor based on
20 her significant contribution to the City of Opp's progress
21 throughout the years; and

22 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boothe serves the community with
23 various organizations; she proudly volunteers and serves as
24 Vice President with the Mizell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, as
25 treasurer of the Three Arts Club, as a member of the Opp
26 Cultural Arts Center, an avid member and supporter of the Opp
27 Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Retired Teachers

1 Association of Covington County, a committee member with the
2 Eastern Star, and a 60-year member with Delta Kappa Gamma,
3 which she has served as President; and

4 WHEREAS, notably, Geraldine Boothe contributed her
5 time to the Downtown Redevelopment Authority for many years
6 and helped enhance the beautification of downtown Opp; she is
7 a faithful and dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of
8 Opp and has taught Sunday School; and

9 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boothe is a retired educator who
10 embarked upon her remarkable teaching career at Babbie School,
11 before later transferring to Beulah School; thereafter, she
12 began teaching at a Fleeta School, where she would teach for
13 the next 41 years; she became the cheerleader and basketball
14 coach while teaching at Fleeta; in 1965, she served on the
15 State Course of Study Committee for the State of Alabama; in
16 1987, she was named Covington County School System's Teacher
17 of the Year; she served on the Southern Schools Evaluating
18 Team for Pike, Coffee, Covington, and Enterprise City; after a
19 long and rewarding career in education, she retired in 1991;
20 even with many years of retirement behind her, she still
21 obtains immense excitement from witnessing the great heights
22 her former students have achieved; and

23 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boothe was born to the union of
24 Grady and Byrdie Grimes on January 8, 1924, in the Rose Hill
25 Community of Covington County; she grew up on a farm and
26 credits her admirable work ethic and life values to being a

1 farmer's daughter; she graduated from Straughn High School in
2 1942 and from Troy University in 1957; and

3 WHEREAS, she married J.C. Boothe and had two sons,
4 Gene and our good friend and colleague, Representative Alan
5 Boothe; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boothe has derived much happiness
7 from serving the Lord and the presence of her family and
8 friends; and

9 WHEREAS, through the years, Geraldine Boothe has
10 earned immense respect for her tireless dedication and
11 exceptional abilities, and she is truly deserving of the
12 significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Geraldine Grimes Boothe is
15 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
16 to her in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
17 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
18 endeavors.