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3 By Senators Roberts, Waggoner, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot,
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5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones,
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed,
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4 ENROLLED, SJR16,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. BARBARA BROWN BARKER.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note
8 the death on January 13, 2022, of Mrs. Barbara Brown Barker of
9 Birmingham, Alabama, at the age of 85 years; and

10 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of
11 her loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
12 where she was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker was born on March 26, 1936, in
14 Birmingham, Alabama; she attended Lakeview Elementary and
15 Shades Valley High School; and

16 WHEREAS, at the age of 12, she began pursuing her
17 dream of a career as a professional ballerina with an
18 opportunity to train at Ballet Arts in New York City, she
19 exchanged those dreams for marriage to U.S. Navy pilot, Frank
20 Barker; in 1980, Reverend Frank Barker opened Briarwood Church
21 and invited Mrs. Barker to use her gifts to begin a ballet
22 ministry in the afternoons; armed with the conviction that the
23 arts were to be used for God's glory, she began Briarwood
24 Ballett with 45 students the first year; since that time,
25 thousands of students have been trained in classical ballet

1 for the glory of God; she also formed two performing
2 companies, Ballet Exaltation and Immanuel, both of which have
3 served as missions arms of the ballet, performing both locally
4 and internationally; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker was preceded in death by her
6 husband, Reverend Doctor Frank Barker, Jr.; parents, Richard
7 Hale Brown and Anita Shepard Brown; and sister, Anita Brown
8 Cowart (John); and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include her children, Anita
10 Barnes (Billy), Frank Barker, III (Pam), and Peggy Townes
11 (Tim); sister, Margaret Brown Evans (Barry); 14 grandchildren;
12 9 (plus 2-on-the-way) great-grandchildren; thousands of
13 ballerinas; and untold numbers of those who call her their
14 "Spiritual Mother"; and

15 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
16 missed, the memory of Mrs. Barker will be cherished in the
17 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Barbara
20 Brown Barker is recorded with deep sadness, and this
21 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with
22 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
23 many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Roberts