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3 By Senators Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 29-MAR-22

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4 ENROLLED, SJR94,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MAUDIE DARBY BEDFORD.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death on March 20, 2022, of Mrs. Maudie Darby Bedford of
9 Russellville, Alabama, at the age of 65 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. Bedford was born on January 8, 1957; a
14 native of Florence, Alabama, she graduated in the Class of
15 1975 from Bradshaw High School where she enjoyed being a Bruin
16 Cheerleader; she attended The University of Alabama where she
17 was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority; she and her
18 husband, former State Senator Roger H. Bedford, Jr. made their
19 home in Russellville, Alabama; they were faithful and
20 dedicated members of First Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a strong supporter of her husband
22 Roger through his health issues and political career; she
23 worked tirelessly in support of his campaigns both state wide
24 in 1996 as the Democratic Nominee for the United States Senate
25 and through his many years of service to the people of Alabama

1 in the Alabama State Senate; her staunch support for his work
2 for the people of Alabama was inspiring; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bedford was general manager of WVNA
4 AM/FM radio station for many years and was a strong supporter
5 of small business development across our state; she was past
6 president of the Alabama Broadcasters Association and served
7 as President and CEO of the Southern Development Council until
8 her death; under her direction, the SDC grew to become the
9 only Alabama-based Small Business Administration Accredited
10 Certified Development Company; she served on various boards
11 and foundations, including Children's Hospital of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, her greatest joy in this life was her son,
13 Roge, and she was fiercely proud of the man he has become; she
14 was a passionate supporter of all Crimson Tide sports, even
15 more so when her son started working under Alabama Head Coach
16 Nick Saban; she was a second Mom to many of Roge's fraternity
17 brothers, friends, and colleagues; and

18 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father,
19 Elton H. Darby; and sister, Vickie Darby Crenshaw; and

20 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved husband,
21 Roger H. Bedford, Jr.; son, Roger H. Bedford, III; mother,
22 Mrs. Mary Jane Darby; sisters, Jane Dill (Johnny) and Lulu
23 Todd (Richard); brothers, E. Hall Darby (Stacy) and E. Herbert
24 Darby, Jr. (Linda); uncle, James A. "Jim" Hall; and a host of
25 other relatives and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
2 missed, the memory of Mrs. Bedford will be cherished in the
3 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Maudie Darby
6 Bedford is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
7 offered in tribute to her life, and with heartfelt sympathy to
8 her family, whose grief is shared by 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
Adopted: 31-MAR-22

By: Senator Whatley