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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. POLLY TORTI LUCAS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
11 death on December 20, 2017, of Mrs. Polly Torti Lucas of
12 Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 96 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lucas was the second child born to
17 Maurice Leo Torti and Leah Dovey Glidewell on January 21,
18 1920, in Memphis, Tennessee, and

19 WHEREAS, she was a graduate of Messick High School
20 in Memphis, Tennessee; she earned her Bachelor of Science
21 Degree with a double major in mathematics and chemistry from
22 Memphis State University, now known as University of Memphis;
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24 WHEREAS, she was active in Phi Beta Chi (honorary
25 science society), the Latin Club, the Episcopal Club, Kappa
26 Lambda Sigma, and was selected for Who's Who Among Students in
27 American Universities and Colleges; and

1 WHEREAS, her professional career included teaching
2 in Memphis city schools, Nashville city schools, and Ward
3 Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lucas was a faithful member of First
5 Baptist Church where she served on many committees including
6 the personnel committee, of which she was chairman; and

7 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;
8 son, William Ray Lucas, Jr., and sister-in-law, Sue Lucas
9 Moore; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include her husband of more than
11 69 years, William Ray Lucas; daughter, Donna Lucas Watts
12 (Vernon); son, Michael Lee Lucas (Sue Ellen); daughter-in-law,
13 Janet Lucas Beck; grandchildren, Emily Watts Blenner (Tim),
14 Kenan Lucas (Catherine), Marguerite Lucas Armitage (Thom),
15 John Watts (Mitra), Alice Lucas, and Michael Lucas, Jr.,
16 (Whitney); great-grandchildren, Michael and Sarah Blenner, and
17 Holmes, Malcom, and Gwen Lucas; sister, Alice Torti Neel;
18 brother, Maurice Torti, Jr., (Nancy); nephew, Spurgeon Neel,
19 III; niece, Leah Neel Zartarian (Gary); and great-nephews,
20 Gregory Zartarian and Geoffrey Zartarian; and

21 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
22 missed, the memory of Mrs. Lucas will be cherished in the
23 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Polly Torti
26 Lucas is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is

1 offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy to
2 her family, whose grief is shared by many.