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8 RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HENRIETTA
9 BOGGS-MACGUIRE.

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11 WHEREAS, on May 6, 1918, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire
12 was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Ralph and Meta
13 Long Boggs who reared her in Birmingham, Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, in the fall of 1937, Henrietta
15 Boggs-MacGuire enrolled at Birmingham-Southern College with
16 aspirations of becoming a writer and journalist; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1940, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire visited
18 Costa Rica and was later married to her first husband, Jose
19 "Don Pepe" Figueres who was a coffee farmer who had
20 established himself as the head of the Social Democratic
21 Party; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1942, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire was
23 instrumental in convincing her husband, Jose "Don Pepe"
24 Figueres, to deliver a radio address condemning the communist
25 influence in the Costa Rican government; and

26 WHEREAS, from 1942 to 1944, as a result of the radio
27 address, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire, Jose Figueres, and her two

1 children, Meta Shannong and Jose Marti were exiled to Mexico
2 where she and her husband became leaders of the revolution in
3 Costa Rica, thereby earning her the name as the First Lady of
4 the Revolution; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1944, at the age of 29, Henrietta
6 Boggs-MacGuire became the First Lady of the Second Republic of
7 Costa Rica, when her husband was named Costa Rica's first
8 president; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1951, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire returned
10 to Alabama where she became and remains active in the
11 Montgomery's civic and charitable circles; and

12 WHEREAS, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire has been active in
13 Civil Rights, women's rights and labor activism; she married
14 Hugh C. MacGuire and currently resides in Montgomery; and

15 WHEREAS, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire was the founder of
16 Montgomery Living, a monthly city magazine, and due to her
17 passion and dedication to the City of Montgomery continued to
18 work as a staff writer after the magazine was sold she also
19 has been a contributor to the Montgomery Advertiser; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1992, Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire, the
21 former First Lady of the Second Republic of Costa Rica
22 authored her autobiography, "Married to a Legend Don Pepe",
23 which gave a historical account of the revolution and her
24 future aspirations for continued democracy and wealth; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2016, Andrea Kalin produced an
26 award-winning documentary about Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire's
27 life titled "First Lady of the Revolution"; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize the life and
3 achievements of Henrietta Boggs-MacGuire, and by copy of this
4 resolution we convey our highest esteem along with best wishes
5 for the future.