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8 COMMENDING THE RED BAY GARDEN CLUB ON ITS 80TH  
9 BIRTHDAY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to recognize the Red  
12 Bay Garden Club of Red Bay, Alabama, for 80 years of adding  
13 beauty to the area and encouraging civic pride; and

14 WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 18, 2018, in celebration  
15 of its 80th birthday, a Red Maple Tree will be planted in Bay  
16 Tree Park, by the Red Bay Garden Club and the Red Bay Tree  
17 Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, on February 25, 1937, a group of 12 flower  
19 lovers and civic-minded women met with the purpose of  
20 organizing a garden club; on March 25, 1937, the Red Bay  
21 ladies held their second meeting and adopted the club's  
22 constitution and bylaws; their dues were set at fifty cents;  
23 in April 1937, the Red Bay Garden Club, with 25 members, was  
24 federated into the Garden Club of Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, the first club members were an active,  
26 energetic group, that planted "seeds of beauty" that are  
27 enjoyed by Red Bay today; and the club members selected the

1 Crepe Myrtle as their Club Shrub and the Dogwood as their Club  
2 Tree; the club grew in flower culture, garden construction,  
3 and civic improvement with a contagious enthusiasm; their  
4 first flower show was held October 10, 1937, with 84 entries  
5 and 70 awards; their first field trip was to Tishomingo State  
6 Park to observe the beauty of nature; and

7 WHEREAS, the founding club members began many  
8 projects that formed the club's foundation, including the  
9 Cemetery Committee for the upkeep of the City Cemetery,  
10 Christmas lighting contest to encourage decorating outside of  
11 homes, flower shows to encourage city beautification by  
12 growing flowers; horticulture to study landscaping and care of  
13 trees; in 1939, the Red Bay Garden Club planted 100 oak trees  
14 on Red Bay's Main Street Entrance, which became known as the  
15 "Tunnel of Trees"; and

16 WHEREAS, over the past 80 years, the Red Bay Garden  
17 Club has helped with many charitable events, including the Red  
18 Cross, March of Dimes and Cancer Clinic; members also  
19 sponsored the Girl Scouts and established a Teenage Garden  
20 Club in 1950; and

21 WHEREAS, a truly valuable asset to the community,  
22 the Red Bay Garden Club has been a source of environmental  
23 inspiration, providing beauty and serenity for residents and  
24 visitors and encouraging the love and care of nature's gifts;  
25 now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily congratulate the

1 Red Bay Garden Club on its 80 years of service to Red Bay,  
2 Alabama, and amid the challenges in our modern world, it is a  
3 joy to pause and offer tribute to an organization devoted to  
4 making this world a more beautiful place.