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First Lady to sign her new book at Goat Hill Museum Store at Capitol

First Lady Patsy Riley will sign her new book, *Alabama's First Ladies and Their Governors*, at the Goat Hill Museum Store on **Friday, December 17 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

The 56-page book contains rare photographs and stories from the eleven first families who lived in the mansion on South Perry Street since 1951. Mrs. Riley interviewed spouses, children and friends of the governors who contributed stories for the book.

This newest book is the second book that Mrs. Riley has written in the past year about the official residence. Family recipes and stories published in "When the Dinner Bell Rings at the Governor's Mansion" sold 10,000 copies last year and raised more than \$120,000 for the restoration of the Hill House next door.

"I wanted to be able to put together a book that would entail the life experiences of the former First Ladies. One that would honor all the First Ladies who called the Alabama Governor's mansion home, said Mrs. Riley. "There was not a job description for these women and there was not one when I stepped into the role. I hope this book can be used to guide and enlighten the future first ladies of Alabama," she said.

Tommy Cauthen, art director for the Alabama Tourism Department, provided the design and layout for the book.

Mrs. Riley's book can be purchased for \$14.95 at the museum store.

The Goat Hill Museum Store is located inside the historic Alabama State Capitol's Union Street entrance. The museum store is managed by the Alabama Historical Commission. Store profits go towards continued efforts to preserve Alabama's historic places.

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