

## Commemorating 181 years Julia S. Tutwiler

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**Livingston, Ala.**—Today we remember and celebrate the legacy of 19th-century education pioneer and 20th-century social reformer, Julia Strudwick Tutwiler. Born August 15, 1841, Tutwiler was a distinguished humanitarian who dedicated her career and life to higher education, equal rights, and social justice for Alabama.

As a leader, advocate, and influencer, Miss Tutwiler was named Woman of the Century and is part of Alabama's Hall of Fame. Beyond her career, Tutwiler was also an accomplished writer and amateur botanist. One of her poems as a writer was adopted as the official state song of Alabama and one of her discoveries as a botanist led to the official scientific name of a rare plant.

Today, Miss Tutwiler's contributions from more than 100 years ago continue to influence state legislation, social programs, and institutional structures across Alabama. It is with great honor that we celebrate her spirit and continue building upon her legacy with higher education, equal rights, and social justice for everyone in our region and beyond.

# Julia S. Tutwiler

1841 - 1916



*"Little, little can I give thee.  
Alabama, mother mine;  
But that little--hand, brain, spirit,  
All I have, and am are thine."*