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3 By Representative Coleman
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KAREN ANITA ROSS FLETCHER.
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10 WHEREAS, we are greatly saddened to learn of the
11 death of Karen Anita Ross Fletcher of Columbus, Ohio, on
12 January 20, 2018, at 68 years of age, and we uplift her life
13 and legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fletcher was born February 10, 1949,
18 in Hamilton, Ohio, to the union of James Ross, Sr., and
19 Dorothy Fisher; in 1967, she graduated from Dayton Paul
20 Laurence Dunbar High School in Ohio, where she was involved in
21 many extracurricular activities including choir and
22 cheerleading; she was a faithful and dedicated member of
23 Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, where she
24 served as a youth leader, choir director, and frequent
25 soloist; Mrs. Fletcher met her future husband, William "Gene"
26 Fletcher while he was a young athlete at Dunbar High School;

1 they were married for more than four decades and reared three
2 children, Jackalynne and Jarralynne and James; and

3 WHEREAS, after her children graduated college, Mrs.
4 Fletcher earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Miami
5 University; she served as Executive Director of the Dayton
6 Boys and Girls Club and with the Partners in Success program
7 at Wesley Community Center in Dayton; she was a pioneer of
8 social justice and making education more accessible to youth
9 throughout the Dayton community; her work with young mothers,
10 along with her other significant contributions, served as a
11 catalyst for the local chapter of the National Southern
12 Christian Leadership Conference to create the Karen Fletcher
13 Leadership Award; Mrs. Fletcher endured a courageous battle
14 with Lupus as well as other medical complications; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted
16 husband, William "Gene" Fletcher; children, Jackalynne
17 Fletcher, Dr. Jarrlynne (Dr. Robert, Jr.) Agee, and James (Dr.
18 Taunna) Fletcher; grandchildren, Jasmine, Jaila, and Jaime
19 Fletcher, Robert "Trey" Edward Agee, III, and Quest Agee;
20 brother, James Ross, Jr.; and a host of relatives and friends;
21 she was preceded in death by her parents; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fletcher was a valued member of the
23 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory
24 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
25 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of

1 Karen Anita Ross Fletcher, we are extremely grateful for her
2 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
3 to her legacy, as well as with heartfelt sympathy to her
4 family and friends.