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3 By Representative Jackson  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 16-JAN-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
4 MATTIE JOHNS HOWZE.

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6 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
7 death of Mrs. Mattie Johns Howze, a lifelong resident of Lower  
8 Peach Tree, Alabama, on November 27, 2017, and we uplift her  
9 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;  
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11 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Mattie Johns Howze  
12 leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends,  
13 and the entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Howze was born to the union of Mannie  
15 Culpepper Johns and Henry Johns on October 4, 1936; she  
16 accepted the Lord at a young age in the care of St. Thomas  
17 A.M.E.; she faithfully served as a Missionary Church member  
18 and attended St. Matthew's for 15 years in Detroit, Michigan;  
19 she was a member of the Eastern Star Member Harris Beauty  
20 Chapter 526, the St. Thomas A.M.E. Stewardess Board,  
21 Missionary Society, and Pastor's Aid Board; and she taught  
22 primary and intermediate Sunday School; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Howze attended first through sixth  
24 grade at the school house in Lower Peach Tree, Alabama; she  
25 went to live with her sister, Dorothy Shaw and brother-in-law,

1 Reverend Shaw, in Enterprise, Alabama; she played basketball  
2 for Enterprise High School and attended and sang in the choir  
3 at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church in Enterprise, Alabama; she  
4 earned a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Elementary Education  
5 from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, she taught elementary school in  
7 Coffeetown, Alabama, for seven years until she met the love  
8 of her life, Miller Howze, Jr., whom she married; the couple  
9 moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Mattie continued to teach  
10 elementary education for 23 years for Detroit Board of  
11 Education and received her Master's in Early Childhood  
12 Education from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan;  
13 she and her family returned to Grove Hill, Alabama, after  
14 spending 28 years in Detroit; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include Millicent Howze-Simmons  
16 (Leo); Ryan Troy Howze (Carla); and grandsons, Blair Simmons  
17 and Da'Ryan Howze; and a faithful sister-in-law, Viola  
18 Howze-Jordan; she was preceded in death by her beloved and  
19 devoted husband of 24 years, Miller Bray Howze, Jr.; sisters  
20 and brothers; others including Minnie Lue Johns-Cheeseburger  
21 (Andrew), Dorothy Johns-Shaw (Rev. Shaw), Henry Johns, Willie  
22 D. Johns, David Johns, Sr., (Irene), Luvert Johns (Mildred),  
23 Donald Johns (Margaret); and a host of nieces, nephews, other  
24 relatives, and friends; and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Mattie Johns Howze was a valued member  
2 of the community; although her presence is greatly missed, her  
3 memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who  
4 were fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

5           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
7 Mrs. Mattie Johns Howze, we are highly grateful for her  
8 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
9 to her legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her family  
10 and friends.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 23-JAN-18.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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