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3 By Representative Jackson  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
9 MATTIE JOHNS HOWZE.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 death of Mrs. Mattie Johns Howze, a lifelong resident of Lower  
13 Peach Tree, Alabama, on November 27, 2017, and we uplift her  
14 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Mattie Johns Howze  
17 leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends,  
18 and the entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

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

1                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Howze attended first through sixth  
2 grade at the school house in Lower Peach Tree, Alabama; she  
3 went to live with her sister, Dorothy Shaw and brother-in-law,  
4 Reverend Shaw, in Enterprise, Alabama; she played basketball  
5 for Enterprise High School and attended and sang in the choir  
6 at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church in Enterprise, Alabama; she  
7 earned a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Elementary Education  
8 from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama; and

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

18                   WHEREAS, survivors include Millicent Howze-Simmons  
19 (Leo); Ryan Troy Howze (Carla); and grandsons, Blair Simmons  
20 and Da'Ryan Howze; and a faithful sister-in-law, Viola  
21 Howze-Jordan; she was preceded in death by her beloved and  
22 devoted husband of 24 years, Miller Bray Howze, Jr.; sisters  
23 and brothers; others including Minnie Lue Johns-Cheeseburger  
24 (Andrew), Dorothy Johns-Shaw (Rev. Shaw), Henry Johns, Willie  
25 D. Johns, David Johns, Sr., (Irene), Luvert Johns (Mildred),  
26 Donald Johns (Margaret); and a host of nieces, nephews, other  
27 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.