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3 By Representative Knight
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. CATHERINE GLORIA HARDY
9 HARRIS.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with deep sadness the death of Mrs.
12 Catherine Gloria Hardy Harris of Montgomery; and

13 WHEREAS, a gifted child, Mrs. Harris graduated from
14 Booker T. Washington High School at the age of 15 and obtained
15 her college degree in Elementary Education from Alabama State
16 University at age 19; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was a devoted educator,
18 teaching school in Alabama from 1953 through 1990; hundreds of
19 her students will forever remember the mark she made on their
20 lives; and

21 WHEREAS, a beloved member of the Weeping Willow
22 Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Harris served the church's
23 music ministry for a total of 42 years, beginning at the age
24 of 12; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was preceded in death by her
26 husband, Thomas Clifford Harris, Jr.; her parents, John and
27 Mary Blanche Goss Hardy; grandparents, Tom and Emma Goss;

1 sister, Emma Ruth Hardy; brothers, John Hardy, Jr., Wilbur
2 Hardy, and Thomas Hardy; uncles, John (Ethel) Goss, Solomon
3 "King Sol" (Annie Mae) Goss, William (Sarah) Hardy, Arthur
4 (Catherine) Hardy, and Ike (Inez) Hardy and Reverend G.W.
5 (Savannah Hardy) Bradford; sister-in-law, Annie Maryland
6 Hardy; brother-in-law, Theodore Harris; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris is survived by her four
8 children, Raphael (Elisha), John (Rina), Avril, and Kathy;
9 five grandsons, Jean Thomas, Thomas Matthew, Karlton Antwan,
10 Justin Raphael, and John, Jr.; four siblings, Johnnie (Brady,
11 Sr.), Howard, James (Earnestine) Hardy, Willie (Mildred)
12 Hardy, and Delores (William) Howard; three sisters-in-law,
13 Mary Hardy, Melba Hardy, and Mary Harris Carter; one
14 brother-in-law, Jethro Harris; numerous cousins, nieces,
15 nephews, and special friends, including Arivaughn Johnson,
16 Betty Ross Barnett, Thelma Lancaster, Wallace and Naomi
17 Maryland, Helen Feagin, Willie Maryland, Dorothy Jean Boykin,
18 Juliet Crenshaw, Bernice Simon, and hundreds of former
19 students who became part of her family; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris' passing is a great loss to her
21 family and members of the community who will remember her as a
22 lady who embraced what life had to offer and returned the best
23 of herself; the memory of her abundant and inspiring life will
24 be treasured in the hearts and minds of many; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with appreciation and
27 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Catherine Gloria Hardy Harris is

1 honored in this special tribute, and by copy of this
2 resolution, deepest condolences are extended to her family and
3 friends.