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3 By Representative Warren  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MATTIE TOLBERT SIMMS.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of  
11 Mrs. Mattie Tolbert Simms of Auburn at the age of 71 years;  
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13 WHEREAS, a native of Lee County, Mrs. Simms was a  
14 gifted student who graduated Valedictorian of Lee County  
15 Training School in 1956; she earned her Bachelor of Science  
16 degree in Nursing from the Meharry School of Nursing College  
17 in Nashville, Tennessee, and her Master's of Science degree in  
18 Nursing from the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York;  
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20 WHEREAS, returning home to Auburn, Mrs. Simms  
21 embarked on a 35-year career as a Registered Nurse with the  
22 Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital, receiving a number  
23 of professional awards and recognitions during her career; she  
24 also served as a part-time adjunct instructor in Nursing with  
25 Southern Union State Community College in Opelika; and

26 WHEREAS, having become a Christian at an early age,  
27 Mrs. Simms dedicated her life to service at Auburn African

1 Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; she served on and chaired  
2 numerous important boards and committees, within the church,  
3 the Opelika District, and the Alabama Conference; her  
4 outstanding service and commitment were recognized in 2008,  
5 when Mrs. Simms became one of the first inductees into the  
6 Auburn Zion Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simms was preceded in death by her  
8 beloved husband, Leo A. Simms; and her mother, Mrs. Willie Mae  
9 Tinsley; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simms is survived by her sons, Pierre  
11 Simms, Andre Simms, and Lattrell Simms; brother, Lindsey  
12 (Audrey) Tolbert; sister, Lenora Tarbert; aunt, Marie Tolbert;  
13 cousin, Rhonda (Willie, Jr.) Tyson; and numerous cousins,  
14 relatives, and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simms' passing is a great loss to her  
16 family and members of the community who will remember her as a  
17 lady who embraced what life had to offer and returned the best  
18 of herself; the memory of her abundant and inspiring life will  
19 be treasured in the hearts and minds of many; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with appreciation and  
22 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Mattie Tolbert Simms is honored in  
23 this special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest  
24 condolences are extended to her family.