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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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, 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.