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3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 26-JAN-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MATTIE TOLBERT SIMMS.

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

21 WHEREAS, having become a Christian at an early age,
22 Mrs. Simms dedicated her life to service at Auburn African
23 Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; she served on and chaired
24 numerous important boards and committees, within the church,
25 the Opelika District, and the Alabama Conference; her

1 outstanding service and commitment were recognized in 2008,
2 when Mrs. Simms became one of the first inductees into the
3 Auburn Zion Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simms was preceded in death by her
5 beloved husband, Leo A. Simms; and her mother, Mrs. Willie Mae
6 Tinsley; and

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

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

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with appreciation and
19 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Mattie Tolbert Simms is honored in
20 this special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest
21 condolences are extended to her family.

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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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House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 28-JAN-10.

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