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3 By Representative Salaam  
4 RFD:  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF IDA LOU AUSTIN.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of  
11 Mrs. Ida Lou Austin at the age of 81 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Austin, a native of Linden, moved with  
13 her family to Selma at an early age; she received her  
14 education in Selma schools; and

15 WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. Austin was a member of  
16 the Little Canaan Primitive Baptist Church; she was a  
17 committed Christian who instilled those values in all her  
18 children; she would later join the Calvary Missionary Baptist  
19 Church, where she taught Women Adult Sunday School and served  
20 on the Pastor's Aide Committee and the Usher Board; and

21 WHEREAS, as the eldest woman in her extended family,  
22 Mrs. Austin played the role of matriarch to many of her  
23 relatives, including Eva Phillips (John) Williams, Mary  
24 Athalone, Mattie Rembert, Elizabeth (Rady) Olds, Otis Miller,  
25 Isaac Fuller, Ruth Hunter, Diane Rudolph, and Will T. Fuller;  
26 and

1                   WHEREAS, a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother,  
2 great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Austin  
3 was preceded in death by her parents, Profit Jones and Mattie  
4 Lou Jones; sister, Marie Hardy; sons, Profit Lee Austin  
5 Barlow, Willie George Austin, Chester Stevenson Austin, and  
6 Charles Austin; daughters, Mattie Marie Barlow, Ida Louise,  
7 Minerva Jean, and Miss Ann Austin; and niece, Susan Jackson  
8 Moore; and

9                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Austin is survived by her children,  
10 Hattie A. Martin (Archie) Mays, Gloria E. Austin, Reverend  
11 Anthony J. Austin, and Irby H. Austin; daughter-in-law, Josie  
12 Barlow; two special daughters, Mattie B. Thornton and Emma  
13 Dubose Rembert; two grandsons-in-law, Charles Pierce and  
14 Victor Sawyer; 24 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; seven  
15 great-great-grandchildren; and nine first cousins; and

16                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Austin is remembered fondly as a  
17 beacon of light to all who knew her; she was a gifted  
18 storyteller who delivered life lessons with a healthy dose of  
19 humor; she was loved by many for her wisdom, which will live  
20 forever in the stories she passed on; now therefore,

21                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with appreciation and  
23 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Ida Lou Austin is hereby  
24 celebrated in this special tribute and that, by copy of this  
25 resolution, our sincere condolences are extended to her  
26 family.