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3 By Representative Beech
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND GEORGE WASHINGTON
9 CURTIS.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of
12 Reverend George Washington Curtis of McIntosh at the age of 81
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Morvin, Alabama, Reverend
15 Curtis became a Christian at an early age and joined Walnut
16 Baptist Church in Morvin; he answered the call to ministry at
17 the age of 33 and accepted his first appointment to Little
18 Bethel Baptist Church; he subsequently and variously pastored
19 at St. John Baptist Church in Vinegar Bend, Rock Bar Baptist
20 Church in Coffeeville, Antioch Baptist Church in Creola,
21 Pathway Baptist Church (now Highpoint Baptist Church) in
22 Mobile, Pine Grove CME in Daphne, William Temple CME in
23 Thomasville, and Buxton Chapel in Morvin, until his health no
24 longer permitted his continued service; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Curtis served with distinction in
26 the United States Army in the Korean War from 1953 to 1957; he

1 worked many years for Ciba-Geigy Specialty prior to retiring
2 as an operator in 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, a committed community servant, Reverend
4 Curtis was passionate about improving the living conditions of
5 his neighbors; he was also active in the Civil Rights
6 Movement; and

7 WHEREAS, a beloved son, brother, husband, father,
8 grandfather, and great-grandfather, Reverend Curtis was
9 preceded in death by his parents, William Burl and Minnie
10 Wicks Curtis; and brothers, James, Lonnie, Earnest, John, and
11 Rufus Curtis; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Curtis is survived by his wife of
13 54 years, Inez Roberts Curtis; five children, George Willie
14 (Linda) Curtis, Yolanda Denise Curtis, Deatra C. Adams, Carmen
15 M. (Marvin) Caldwell, Raphaella O. (Wyndell) Archie; nine
16 grandchildren, Davida August, George Brian Curtis, Adrian
17 Pruett (Curtis), Bridgette C. Adams, Bruce Adams, Jr., Faith
18 Caldwell, Wyndell George Archie (Toot), Steven Caldwell, and
19 Tina Inez Archie; four great-grandchildren, Joshua August,
20 Justin August, Brandon Brewton, and Donte Curtis; brothers,
21 William Earl Curtis and Samuel Curtis; mother-in-law,
22 Earnestine Roberts; sisters-in-law, Alberta Curtis, Bobbie
23 Curtis, Mary Curtis, Ida Adams, Leola (Cleveland) Flott,
24 Voncile (Carl) Barner, Lucile Lucas, Harlan (Anthony) Humes,
25 and Valerie Hill; brothers-in-law, Leo Dean, Eugene (Dorothy)
26 Roberts, Everette (Julia) Roberts, Bernard (Debra) Roberts,

1 Ronald (Deborah) Roberts, Renard Roberts, and Alex Roberts;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Curtis' passing is a great loss to
4 his family and members of the community who will remember him
5 as a man who embraced what life had to offer and returned the
6 best of himself; the memory of his abundant and inspiring life
7 will be treasured in the hearts and minds of many; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with much appreciation and
11 gratitude, the life of Reverend George Washington Curtis is
12 honored in this special tribute, and by copy of this
13 resolution, deepest condolences are extended to his family.