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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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.