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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. E.D. NIXON, JR.

WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we receive news of the death of Mr. E.D. Nixon, Jr., of Los Angeles, California, formerly of Montgomery, Alabama, on February 28, 2011, at the age of 82 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon was a nationally acclaimed singer and actor who was known professionally as Nick LaTour; his illustrious career included appearances as a nightclub performer and on television, in movies, in concerts, and on the Broadway stage and beyond; in addition, he was a man of devout faith who donated his talents to worthy causes and loved to visit elementary schools to entertain children; and

WHEREAS, born in Montgomery in August 1928, he was the son of Aleece Nixon and E.D. Nixon, Sr., who was an icon of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, he attended Loveless Elementary School in Montgomery and the Snow Hill Institute in Wilcox County before leaving Alabama for New York City at the age of 16 to pursue a career; after touring the United States and Canada as a

1 singer, he served his country in the United States Army; after
2 his discharge, he traveled to Mexico, where he earned a
3 Liberal Arts Degree from Mexico City College; and

4 WHEREAS, upon returning to New York City, Mr. Nixon
5 enjoyed a successful career in the theatre; he made his acting
6 debut in Neil Simon's "God's Favorite" and toured Europe in
7 Langston Hughes' musical, "Jericho"; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon moved to Hollywood in 1976, and
9 was much in demand as a guest on such television shows as "The
10 Jeffersons," "Good Times," "Beauty and the Beast," and
11 "Murder, She Wrote"; his film credits included "Big Bad
12 Momma," "Deep Cover," and many more; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded
14 in death by his stepmother, Arlett Nixon, and several uncles,
15 aunts, and cousins; and

16 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death a number of
17 devoted relatives including Geraldine Nixon, Polly Nixon,
18 David (Gladys) Nixon, Pinkie Davis, Jackye Nixon, Alex (Betty)
19 Nixon, Alma Johnson, and his godson, Michael Eaddy; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon was a man of great talent who
21 believed in himself and believed in God; he pursued his dream
22 and achieved the heights of fame while providing entertainment
23 to thousands of people; although his presence will be missed,
24 his legacy will endure and his memory will be cherished in the
25 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now
26 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA,
2 BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. E.D.
3 Nixon, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
4 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
5 sympathy to his grieving family.