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3 By Representative Lindsey
4 RFD:
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. JESSIE CAROLINE GREEN.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive news of the death of Mrs. Jessie Caroline Green on February 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Green leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the entire community, where she was well-known and highly regarded; she dedicated her entire life to the care and service of others; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green was brought up by Ernest and Jessie Horton Woods after the early death of her parents; she faithfully attended Oak Grove United Methodist Church in the Woodsbend community, and in later years she diligently served St. Mary's United Methodist Church in many capacities; she was a 1948 graduate of Cherokee County Training School and possessed multiple skills; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green is fondly remembered by students for her kindness and generosity as the Hatcher Elementary School lunchroom overseer; in addition, she was one of the

1 first African-American women to integrate the Centre
2 Manufacturing Plant during the Civil Rights Movement in the
3 1960s; she later worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and
4 was a private duty nurse for many years; Mrs. Green also loved
5 doing what she did best, cooking and helping others, with
6 Sageberry Catering; and

7 WHEREAS, she was an active and passionate member of
8 community and civic organizations such as the NAACP, the Civic
9 League, ADC, United Methodist Women, St. Mary's Kitchen
10 Committee Chairperson, and the Woodsbend Circle; she was also
11 a committed volunteer in other charitable causes including the
12 Helping Hands Organization, Spirit of Cherokee, Red Cross Soup
13 Supper, and Senior Circle; and

14 WHEREAS, preceding her in death were her husband,
15 Buster Marcus Cowser; parents, Jasper and Ellen Horton; and
16 sister, Sadie Horton; and

17 WHEREAS, she is survived by her children, Ester
18 Elaine Cowser Crawl-Bey, Harry Kent (Peggy) Cowser, and Carol
19 Green (Vincent) Oliphant; loving stepson, Thomas (Constance)
20 Woods; seven grandchildren, Timothy Gerard (Tamika) Crawl-Bey,
21 Brian Harris Cowser, Mohammed Hasan Crawl-Bey, Nadiyah
22 Crawl-Bey (Andre) Freeman, Shareef Abdul Ali Crawl-Bey, Clark
23 Vincent Oliphant, and Olivia Caroline Oliphant; six
24 great-grandchildren, Ayana Nicole Crawl-Bey, Emily Marie
25 Cowser, Myleyah Telaine Crawl-Bey, Jared Isaiah Crawl-Bey,
26 Chloe Brianna Cowser, and Ashlynn Imani Freeman; devoted
27 sister, Bobbie Sue Glover; special nieces, Karen (John)

1 Agbonghae and Theresa (Billy) Parker; loving great-niece and
2 great-nephew, Osayi and Eghosa Agbonghae; special cousins,
3 David and Johnnie Mae Miller; and a host of other special
4 family members and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Green was a valued member of the
6 community; although her presence will be missed, her memory
7 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
8 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Jessie
11 Caroline Green is recorded with deep sadness, and this
12 resolution is offered in tribute to her life, along with
13 heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.