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3 By Representative Jackson  
4 RFD:  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. PEARL SHAMBURGER LEWIS.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mrs. Pearl Shamburger Lewis of  
12 Thomasville, Alabama, on March 29, 2011, at the age of 79  
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Lewis leaves a void in  
15 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the  
16 entire community, where she was well-known and highly  
17 regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, born July 4, 1931, she was the daughter of  
19 Jerry and Sallie Mae Shamburger; Mrs. Lewis was a devout  
20 member of the Thomasville Church of God in Christ for more  
21 than 70 years, including serving as President of the Pastor's  
22 Aid Committee, member of the Mothers' Board, Deacons' Wives,  
23 Senior Choir, and Home and Foreign Missions; she loved and  
24 faithfully attended Sunday School, YPWW, and Bible Band, among  
25 many additional involvements; in addition, she served in  
26 numerous capacities within the body of the Alabama First

1 Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ,  
2 Incorporated; and

3                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was a loving wife, mother, and  
4 grandmother who instilled the virtues of love, hard work,  
5 pride, and humility; she also helped support her family by  
6 employment through the years as a housekeeper and as a line  
7 assembly worker with Simplex Industries and Jones Bigmon Shirt  
8 Factory; and

9                   WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was  
10 preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Frank  
11 Lewis, Jr., and six siblings, Jerry, Jr., Frank, Eula Mae,  
12 Marion, Willie, and Mary Louise; and

13                   WHEREAS, she is survived by seven children, James  
14 (Helen) Lewis, John (Joyce) Lewis, Rosie (Jimmy) Lewis, Joe  
15 (Loretta) Lewis, Benjamin (Mary) Lewis, Carolyn (Reginald)  
16 Boswell, and Brenda Henry (Larry) Nichols; one brother, Jessie  
17 Shamburger; 34 grandchildren; special helper, Wanda Faye  
18 Young; 59 great-grandchildren; three aunts, Ada Howard, Dora  
19 Davis, and Emma Bennett; one uncle, Allen Davis; two  
20 sisters-in-law, Marie Shamburger (Johnny) White and Dorothy  
21 Shamburger; two brothers-in-law, John D. Woods and Horace  
22 Coates, Sr.; a special daughter, Sherron McCoy; godchildren,  
23 Minister and Mrs. Bryant Jones and Elder and Mrs. Brady  
24 Bennett; a host of nieces and nephews, including the unfailing  
25 Reverend J.J. Phillips; a close personal friend, Willa Dean  
26 Jackson; cousin, Dannie Mae Pritchett; and other devoted  
27 relatives, friends, and church family; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was devoted to family and faith  
2 and was a valued member of the community; although her  
3 presence will be missed, her memory will be cherished in the  
4 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know her; now  
5 therefore,

6                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Pearl  
8 Shamburger Lewis is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
9 resolution is offered in tribute to her life, along with  
10 heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.