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3 By Representative Kennedy  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. LILLIE MAE SUMLIN.  
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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
11 receive news of the death of Mrs. Lillie Mae Sumlin of Mobile,  
12 Alabama, on March 13, 2012, at the age of 85 years; and

13 WHEREAS, born on March 29, 1926, in Camden, Alabama,  
14 she had resided in Mobile for 72 years, where she was  
15 affectionately known as "MaDear" and was a mother to the  
16 entire community in loving support of her family, friends,  
17 neighbors, and church; and

18 WHEREAS, she became a devout Christian at an early  
19 age in Camden and, after moving to Mobile, she united with  
20 Greater Mt. Olive No. 2 Church and served faithfully in many  
21 capacities for approximately 43 years; she later united with  
22 the St. James Missionary Baptist Church and dutifully served  
23 as an usher for 28 years; and

24 WHEREAS, she will be remembered as a very  
25 independent person who worked hard at any task necessary and  
26 was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and

1                   she instilled these qualities in the family she so lovingly  
2                   nurtured; and

3                   WHEREAS, she was predeceased by her mother, Annie  
4                   Nevills-Ross; father, Charlie Nevills; husband, Sam Sumnlin;  
5                   brothers, Willie and Roberts Nevills; sons, Samuel and Isiah  
6                   Roberts; and

7                   WHEREAS, survivors include two sons, Daniel Roberts  
8                   and David Sumlin; two daughters, Jessie Mills and Naomi Koins;  
9                   17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one  
10                  great-great-grandchild; many additional caring relatives and  
11                  dear friends; and a devoted neighbor; and

12                  WHEREAS, Mrs. Sumlin was a valued member of the  
13                  community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her  
14                  memory will be forever treasured in the hearts and minds of  
15                  those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

16                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17                  HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Lillie Mae  
18                  Sumlin is recorded with deep sadness and, by copy of this  
19                  resolution, we extend heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose  
20                  grief is shared by many.