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3 By Representatives Buskey, Bracy, Boyd, Baker, Ball, Bandy,  
4 Barton, Baughn, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bridges,  
5 Brown, Burdine, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clouse,  
6 Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake,  
7 England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston, Givan,  
8 Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,  
9 Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison,  
10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight,  
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Poole,  
15 Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,  
16 Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,  
17 Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J),  
18 Williams (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 05-FEB-13

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STATE  
9 REPRESENTATIVE YVONNE KENNEDY, PH.D.  
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11 WHEREAS, the Honorable State Representative Yvonne  
12 Kennedy, Ph.D., departed this life on December 8, 2012, at the  
13 age of 67 years; and

14 WHEREAS, a dynamic and beloved civic leader, she was  
15 the President Emeritus of S.D. Bishop State Community College  
16 as well as an exemplary legislator; and

17 WHEREAS, she dedicated her life to fighting on  
18 behalf of her constituents; her numerous legislative  
19 accomplishments reflected her unwavering commitment to  
20 justice, voting rights, and equality of opportunity, and her  
21 spiritual, altruistic, and educational contributions are  
22 unparalleled; and

23 WHEREAS, born on January 8, 1945, she earned her  
24 Bachelor's Degree from Alabama State University, Master's  
25 Degree from Morgan State University in Maryland, Doctor of

1 Philosophy Degree from The University of Alabama, and Honorary  
2 Doctorate of Letters from Lane College in Tennessee; and

3 WHEREAS, she was first elected to the Alabama House  
4 of Representatives in April 1979, and she served as the  
5 President of S.D. Bishop State Community College in Mobile for  
6 25 years, providing the leadership for the college's growth to  
7 the heights of academic and career training excellence; her  
8 further contributions to education included serving as Vice  
9 Chair of the Board of Trustees of Miles College and as Board  
10 member for 12 years; and

11 WHEREAS, additionally, she was a devout member of  
12 the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and active leader in  
13 many worthy causes, including being the National President of  
14 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Chair of the Mobile County United  
15 Negro College Fund Campaign, Youth Director for the Board of  
16 Christian Education (Southeast Alabama Conference), and Board  
17 member of the American Association for Higher Education and  
18 America's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation; and

19 WHEREAS, in her role as a legislator, she earned the  
20 respect of constituents and colleagues, formerly serving as  
21 Chair of the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus and effectively  
22 representing Mobile's 97th District for 33 years; she was the  
23 Ranking Minority Member of both the Children and Senior  
24 Advocacy Committee and Economic Development and Tourism  
25 Committee, and also served on the Transportation, Utilities  
26 and Infrastructure Committee; and

1               WHEREAS, survivors include a brother, Joe L.  
2 Kennedy; sisters, Floretta K. Moore and Brenda J. Kennedy;  
3 aunts, Essemena M. Knight and Ernestine McMillan Miller;  
4 godson, Jory Johnson; and a number of in-laws and other  
5 relatives, along with many friends and admirers; and

6               WHEREAS, she impacted countless lives through the  
7 years, and her far-reaching contributions are immeasurable;  
8 although her vibrant presence will be greatly missed, her  
9 legacy will endure; now therefore,

10              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable  
12 State Representative Yvonne Kennedy, Ph.D., is recorded with  
13 deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in highest  
14 tribute to her life, along with heartfelt sympathy to her  
15 family, whose grief is shared by many.