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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. TESSIE P. HILL.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
11 we mourn the death of Mrs. Tessie P. Hill on February 6, 2013,
12 at the age of 97 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Tessie Mamie Lucile Paisley was born in
14 Winston Salem, North Carolina, on June 12, 1915, the daughter
15 of Professor John Walter Paisley, Sr., and Mamie Phiefer
16 Paisley; she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary
17 Education at Wilberforce University in 1934 and a Master's
18 degree in Early Childhood Education at Columbia University in
19 New York in 1937; she was esteemed as a teacher and the wife
20 of a pastor, and one of her lifelong gifts was encouraging and
21 showing kindness to others; and

22 WHEREAS, among the milestones of her career in
23 education, she taught Elementary School in North Carolina and
24 in the Elementary Training Department at Wilberforce
25 University; she also served on the faculty of the English
26 Department at Shorter College in North Little Rock, Arkansas

1 and as Executive Director of the Yates Branch of the YWCA in
2 Kansas City, Kansas; and

3 WHEREAS, her extensive community involvement
4 included the Cub Scouts, PTA, Mental Health, YWCA, and Church
5 Women United; she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha
6 Sorority at Wilberforce University and upon moving to Tuskegee
7 remained active in the Beta Xi Chapter, becoming a Diamond and
8 Life Member; additionally, she was selected a Life Member of
9 the Missionary Society of the AME Church in 1963; and

10 WHEREAS, she had resided in Tuskegee since 1988;
11 throughout her life, she reached out to children and youth,
12 the elderly, families, the sick and the hungry, to encourage
13 them on life's journey; and

14 WHEREAS, she was predeceased by her beloved husband
15 of more than 51 years, Reverend H. Solomon Hill; and

16 WHEREAS, survivors include her sons, Solomon P.
17 Hill, Henry A. Hill, Walter A. Hill, Augustus O. Hill, and
18 John D. Hill, along with her grandchildren, all of whom
19 continue her emphasis on education and service to others; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hill was devoted to family and faith
21 and was a valued member of the community; although her
22 presence will be greatly missed, her legacy will endure and
23 her memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
24 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Tessie P.
27 Hill is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is

1 offered in highest tribute to her life and with heartfelt
2 sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by many.