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3 By Representative Newton (D)
4 RFD:
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES B. JOHNSON.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mr. James B. Johnson on March 27, 2013, at the
12 age of 86 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
14 his loving family and his many friends; and

15 WHEREAS, born on December 2, 1926, he was a native
16 of Mobile, Alabama, and a longtime resident of Fairfield,
17 Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson held the distinction of being
19 the first African-American on the Jefferson County Personnel
20 Board and served as its president for several years; he
21 retired from Booker T. Washington Insurance Company in
22 Birmingham; and

23 WHEREAS, among his accomplishments through the
24 years, he was selected Grand Marshal of the Mobile Mardi Gras;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, a member of the Knights of Peter Claver of
2 the Roman Catholic Church, he received a congratulatory letter
3 from the Vatican signed by the Pope; he was a longtime, devout
4 member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fairfield, Alabama;
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6 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his wife of 63
7 years, Virdell Johnson; daughters, Patrice Anthony and Rita
8 Hutchins; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a valued member of the
11 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
12 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
13 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. James B.
16 Johnson is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
17 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
18 his family, whose grief is shared by many.