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3 By Representatives Rogers, Payne, Moore (M), Robinson (O) and
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. CLARA JONES-STEPHENS.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mrs. Clara Jones-Stephens on April 4, 2013, at
12 the age of 76 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, born on March 9, 1937, in Sumter County,
16 she was the daughter of Mary Coleman and Billy Jackson and was
17 baptized at an early age at the Summerville Baptist Church;
18 she subsequently transferred to the Greater Shiloh Missionary
19 Baptist Church, serving on the Usher Board and in other
20 capacities; and

21 WHEREAS, she was educated in the Sumter County
22 School System and later moved to Bessemer, Alabama, where her
23 talent and interests led her to become one of the finest chefs
24 in the South; she was employed by The Hyatt House, The
25 Sheraton, and Nabeel's Imported Foods; and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was
27 predeceased by her beloved husband, Spencer Jones; and

1 WHEREAS, she leaves to celebrate her life a
2 daughter, Vinnie Billinsley; sons, Robert (Shuril) Jackson,
3 Rickey (Bernetta) Jones, Spencer Jones, and Jerry Jones;
4 sisters, Betty Herron, Josephine Jackson, Yvonne Kirksey, and
5 Pearlye Warren; 29 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; best
6 friend, Johnnie Dawson; goddaughters, Tamara Pettitway and
7 Elizabeth Owens; godsons, Sylvester Davis and Jerome
8 Strickland; and a host of other relatives and dear friends;
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10 WHEREAS, she was a valued member of the community;
11 although her presence will be greatly missed, her memory will
12 be cherished in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know
13 her; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Clara
16 Jones-Stephens is recorded with deep sadness, and this
17 resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life along
18 with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared
19 by many.