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3 By Representative Hall
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. WILHELMENIA JOYCE WALKER
9 HORTON.

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11 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mrs. Wilhelmenia Joyce
12 Walker Horton "Mina" on March 26, 2013, with deep sadness; her
13 precious life of 67 years is celebrated and commended with
14 deep thanksgiving; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Horton leaves a void in
16 the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the entire
17 community, where she was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, born January 16, 1946, in Montgomery,
19 Alabama, she was the daughter of the late Mr. Spencer Walker
20 and the late Mrs. Lorene Merkerson Walker and graduated from
21 George Washington Carver High School in 1964, where she was
22 elected Miss Carver High School during her senior year because
23 of her academic abilities and the loving personality she
24 exhibited toward her faculty and fellow students; following
25 graduation, she attended Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical
26 University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in

1 Elementary Education in 1968 and a Master of Science Degree in
2 Special Education in 1974; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Horton immediately embarked upon an
4 elementary teaching career that expanded 30 years in the
5 Limestone County School Systems; in recognition of her service
6 to education, she was selected Teacher of the Year for
7 Limestone County Schools in 1998; after retiring in 1999, she
8 continued to use her teaching experience to help students
9 further their education; she was employed by Huntsville City
10 School as an ESL (English as Second Language) Teacher at
11 Butler High School; and

12 WHEREAS, she was a member of the National Education
13 Association, Alabama Education Association, and Limestone
14 County Education Association; she leaves a distinguished
15 record of service to education and left an indelible
16 impression on many young minds; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Horton was united in holy matrimony
18 with the love of her life, Earnest Horton, on July 12, 1969,
19 and their blissful union was blessed with two children,
20 Reginald and Quentin; she was a loving mother and wife and
21 family was her greatest joy; and

22 WHEREAS, at an early age, she accepted Christ as her
23 Lord and Savior, was baptized, and joined Mobile Heights
24 Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama; she became affiliated
25 with Center Grove United Methodist Church in 1974, where she
26 faithfully served as a devoted member; she was involved in
27 church ministries including the United Methodist Women, Church

Choir, Vacation Bible School, of which she was Coordinator, Sunday School, and Scouts at all levels; and

WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted husband; cherished two sons and stepdaughter, TiaWanda Walker; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Horton; grandchildren, Broche and Ashley; sister, Gwendolyn Walker; brother, Langston (Cynthia) Walker; mother-in-law, Emma Horton; sisters-in-law, Aileen (Charles) Abercombe, Geraldine (Rufus) Taylor, Annie Horton, and Sharon Horton Steele; brother-in-law, Ovoy Horton, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Horton was a valued member of the community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
Mrs. Wilhelmenia Joyce Walker Horton, we are grateful for her
abundant life, and we offer this resolution in heartfelt
sympathy to her family and friends.