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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 Merkersen 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

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

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

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

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