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6 Chesteen, Clouse, Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis,  
7 DeMarco, Drake, England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,  
8 Gaston, Givan, Greer, Greens, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper,  
9 Henry, Hill, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst,  
10 Ison, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight,  
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Poole,  
15 Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,  
16 Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway,  
17 Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams  
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 07-MAY-13

8 COMMENDING SUSANNAH MUSHATT JONES ON CELEBRATING HER  
9 114TH BIRTHDAY.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that we honor  
12 Susannah Mushatt Jones in recognition of celebrating the  
13 milestone of her 114th Birthday; and

14 WHEREAS, affectionately called "Miss Susie," she has  
15 more than 100 nieces and nephews and innumerable friends and  
16 admirers in the State of Alabama and far beyond; and

17 WHEREAS, born in Lowndes County, Alabama, on July 6,  
18 1899, she was the oldest granddaughter of an ex-slave; her  
19 parents were sharecroppers, farming the same land as her  
20 grandparents until they died; as a young person she was able  
21 and energetic but did not like working in the fields; she knew  
22 she would have to leave her birthplace to escape the harsh  
23 life and bleak prospects; and

24 WHEREAS, a 1922 graduate of the acclaimed Calhoun  
25 Boarding High School in Lowndes County, she wanted to become a  
26 teacher and was accepted to Tuskegee Institute's Teacher's  
27 Program, but her parents did not have the money to send her to

1 college; several years later, she and some schoolmates founded  
2 the Calhoun Club, an organization to provide scholarships for  
3 promising African-American students who could not afford  
4 college costs; and

5 WHEREAS, she was employed as a home worker for more  
6 than 40 years, unselfishly using her meager salary to help  
7 sustain family members and to make it possible for relatives  
8 and friends to pursue their dreams and aspirations; all of her  
9 employers considered her to be dedicated, trustworthy, and  
10 hardworking; she sent two nieces to college and helped others  
11 find jobs outside the South; after officially retiring in  
12 1965, she continued to care for the children of relatives for  
13 many years; and

14 WHEREAS, in her 114th year, she credits her  
15 longevity to good genes and a healthy lifestyle; she never  
16 smoked, drank, partied, wore makeup, or dyed her hair; and

17 WHEREAS, this wise and remarkable woman has been a  
18 trailblazer, an outstanding role model, and a reservoir of  
19 strength and inspiration; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That, in recognition of  
22 celebrating her 114th birthday on July 6, 2013, it is a  
23 privilege to commend Susannah Mushatt Jones for a lifetime of  
24 extraordinary accomplishments, and, by copy of this  
25 resolution, we convey our highest esteem along with best  
26 wishes for every future happiness.