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6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,  
7 Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. LUVENIA  
9 ELLINGTON LITTLE.  
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11 WHEREAS, with utmost reverence and respect, we  
12 uplift the life and legacy of Mrs. Luvenia Ellington Little,  
13 who passed away February 5, 2016; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Little was born December 18, 1924, in  
18 Birmingham, Alabama, to the union of the late Ida Mae  
19 Ellington and Haze Jenkins; she was educated in the Birmingham  
20 Public School System, where she graduated from A.H. Parker  
21 High School; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Little pursued training and education  
23 as an Licensed Practical Nurse at The University of Alabama at  
24 Birmingham Extension Center and diligently worked as an LPN  
25 for over 25 years at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital, UAB  
26 Hospital, and Caraway Methodist Hospital; and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Little worked at the Callahan Eye  
2           Foundation and as an office assistant for Dr. Eddie Woods,  
3           DDS; she was a staunch political advocate for her community  
4           and The City of Birmingham and volunteered as a poll worker  
5           for the Hemphill School voting box in her neighborhood; and

6           WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Dear," Mrs. Little  
7           was a faithful and devoted member of New Hope Baptist Church  
8           and of the Eastern Star, and a member of several social clubs  
9           including the Disco Queens; and

10          WHEREAS, Mrs. Little was a consummate, loving,  
11          caring, and joyful mother, an avid reader, and an exceptional  
12          cook who enjoyed preparing meals for her multitude of family  
13          and friends; many journeyed from miles around to enjoy a fine  
14          meal and engage in a stimulating political discussion around  
15          her table; and

16          WHEREAS, Mrs. Little loved traveling around the  
17          country and enthusiastically cheering for her favorite college  
18          football teams; she firmly believed in having a strong  
19          educational foundation and instilled a passion for education  
20          in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

21          WHEREAS, Mrs. Little was formerly married to Mr.  
22          John Wesley Bell and later married Mr. Robert Earl Little,  
23          Sr., who preceded her in death; and

24          WHEREAS, survivors include her children, Marsha  
25          Dianne Little (Jimmie Lee, deceased), Mayor William A. Bell,  
26          Sr. (Sharon), Michael H. Bell, Sr., (Gwendolyn); grandchildren  
27          and great-grandchildren, Felicia Meriwether Best, Judge

1 William A. Bell, Jr., (Emily), Michael H. Bell, Jr. (Denise),  
2 Jillian J. Bell, and Dr. Marcus H. Bell, Sr., (Kimberly);  
3 great-grandchildren, Bianca Walker, Gabrielle Walker, William  
4 A. Bell, III, Ethan M. Bell, and Marcus H. Bell, Jr.; and her  
5 many nieces and nephews, Nadean Bell, Charlene Wilson, Breon  
6 Bell, Ida Bell, Milton Bell, and Dwight Bell; and special  
7 godson, Aaron Carlton; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Little was a valued member of the  
9 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory  
10 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
11 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
13 ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while  
14 celebrating the life and legacy of Mrs. Luvenia Ellington  
15 Little, we are extremely grateful for her abundant life, and  
16 we offer this resolution in highest tribute to her inspiring  
17 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her family and  
18 friends.