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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EVANGELIST ELDER
9 LILLIE MAE ROBINSON.

10
11 WHEREAS, we uplift the life and legacy of Evangelist
12 Elder Lillie Mae Robinson with utmost reverence and respect;
13 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. Robinson was born July 7, 1932, with
18 royalty in her genes as an esteemed descendant of the Yoruba
19 people of Western Nigeria and the town of Ijesha; after the
20 death of her mother in 1941, Mrs. Robinson and her siblings
21 were reared in the loving home of their aunt and uncle; she
22 accepted Christ at an early age and became a baptized member
23 of Buxton Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson graduated from Thomasville
25 High School and attended Alabama State University during the
26 Civil Rights era and a critical time in history, the
27 Montgomery Bus Boycott; she married her childhood sweetheart,

1 Theodore Roosevelt Robinson, and their union was blessed with
2 three children, Angelis Robinson Smith, Elizabeth Ann (Edward
3 Garner, Sr.), and Jeffrey Wayne Robinson; Mrs. Robinson, who
4 due to circumstance, had to rear her children on her own,
5 entered employment as a nursemaid in the home of Mr. and Mrs.
6 John Jackson, where she was endeared by their twins; she found
7 additional employment with the Solomon Brothers Shirt factory
8 and after her marriage to Elo Robinson, as a Certified Nurse
9 Assistant with the State of Alabama, earning the award of CNA
10 in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1965, she and her oldest child, Angelis,
12 were baptized by Elder S.C. Robinson into the Seventh-day
13 Adventist Church, now Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church;
14 she found a closer church home in Temple Gate Seventh-day
15 Adventist Church in Selma, Alabama; Mrs. Robinson answered the
16 call to teach the gospel and erect a church in Thomasville; a
17 small group met in her home on Preacher Street under the
18 pastorage of Elder Norman in 1978 and later a permanent
19 structure was erected on Center Street, becoming the First
20 Seventh-day Adventist Church of Thomasville; Elder Robinson,
21 who was known as "the Voice," preached without fear on
22 highways, hedges, the jail, and the radio; she presented the
23 "Better Day" program each Sunday evening to thousands
24 throughout Southwest Alabama for over 20 years; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to her beloved children, she
26 leaves to cherish her memory, grandchildren, Terrance
27 (Salema), Tarquin, Angela, Terrell, Cairen, and Edward, Jr.,

1 Shaina, Salesia, Raphael, Alesia, Jeffrey and Jeremiah; and
2 her 21 great-grandchildren; siblings, Abraham Lincoln, Bulah,
3 George, Minnie Jo, Elizabeth, Henry, Jr., Emma Lucy, and JD;
4 and many special friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson was a valued member of
6 society although her presence is greatly missed, her memory is
7 cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
8 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
11 Mrs. Lillie Mae Robinson, we are extremely grateful for her
12 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
13 to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
14 her family and friends.