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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 GLADYS TARVER COLEMAN.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life of Gladys Tarver
13 Coleman on April 21, 2016, at the age of 98; a longtime member
14 of Miles Chapel, CME, she served in many capacities, including
15 choir, Christian Board of Education, Ladies Guild, Missionary
16 Society, and Steward Board; and

17 WHEREAS, a lifelong native of Fairfield, Alabama,
18 Mrs. Coleman received degrees from Miles College, Alabama A
19 and M University, and did other studies at Tuskegee University
20 and University of Southern California; a hard working and
21 devoted teacher, her passion was Voter Education; other
22 passions in her life were her family and children's education;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman retired from teaching in the
25 Jefferson County and Birmingham School Systems; she was the
26 first black member appointed to the Fairfield Board of
27 Education, she was a member of the Alabama and National

1 Education Associations, and the American Federation of
2 Teachers; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman led a full and active life;
4 her life's calling was educating people about voting and
5 encouraging others to vote; she served as president and member
6 of the Fairfield Democratic Women, and a member of the
7 Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee and the State
8 Democratic Executive Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her devoted
10 and loving husband of 44 years, Jerry Coleman; brothers,
11 Lawrence (Alberta), William, and John Tarver; left to cherish
12 her memory are nieces and nephews, Judy Tarver (Horace)
13 Blount, Courtney (Carolyn) Tarver, Gregory Tarver, Jerry
14 Coleman, Lewis Coleman, Laura, Lillian and Tony Coleman,
15 Yvette Bostick Reynolds, Crystal Bostick Harrell, Alistaire,
16 and Miriam Blount; great nieces and nephews; Ebonie,
17 Dominique, Camisha, Jameelah, Janel, Camille, and Paisley; and
18 a host of other relatives and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Gladys Tarver Coleman was a valued member
20 of the community and was loved by many; her presence will be
21 greatly missed and her memory will be cherished in the hearts
22 and minds of those who were fortunate to know her; now
23 therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Gladys Tarver
26 Coleman is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
27 her death, we also celebrate her life; this resolution is

1 offered in highest tribute to her life, along with heartfelt
2 sympathy to her family and many friends, whose grief is shared
3 by many.