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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SISTER BARBARA
9 LOU WOODS RICHARDSON.
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11 WHEREAS, we are greatly saddened to learn of the
12 death of Sister Barbara Lou Woods Richardson, whose life and
13 legacy we uplift with utmost reverence and respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Sister Richardson was born as the fourth of
19 eleven children to the union of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred
20 Woods in Powhatan, Alabama; at an early age, she gave her life
21 to Christ at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Praco, Alabama;
22 after moving to Graysville, Alabama, she joined the Mount
23 Hebron Church, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher and
24 President of the Usher Board; she then joined Livingstone
25 Baptist Church, where she served as Treasurer, and later
26 joined Lively Hope Baptist Church, Pratt City, where she
27 served as a deaconess; and

1 WHEREAS, Sister Richardson was educated through the
2 Jefferson County School System and graduated with a degree in
3 Business and Accounting from Booker T. Washington Business
4 College; she was employed with Birmingham Stove and Range as a
5 Production Clerk and was employed with Lakeshore
6 Rehabilitation Center for 10 years; and

7 WHEREAS, with a servant's heart, she allowed God to
8 use her to encourage, uplift, and inspire others and served as
9 a mother to anyone in need within the community; she was
10 licensed by the State of Alabama as a foster parent; a Godly
11 woman with a heart of gold and a genuine soul, she lived an
12 exemplary life devoted to her Lord, family, and friends, and

13 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted
14 husband, Billy Richardson; four sons, Honorable Mayor Gary
15 (Willamena) Richardson, Sr., Minister Horace Richardson,
16 Bernard (Kim) Richardson, and George Spraggins; one daughter,
17 Desi L. Jones; one daughter-in-law, Clifford Ann Richardson;
18 one godson, Frank (Greta) Frazier; one brother, J.C. (Linda)
19 Woods; two sisters, Rosie Lee Truss and Minister Olivia Woods
20 Billingsley; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five
21 sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law;; and a host of nieces,
22 nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends; he
23 was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; two
24 brothers; and one grandchild; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson was a valued member of the
26 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory

1 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
2 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
5 Sister Barbara Lou Woods Richardson, we are extremely grateful
6 for her abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
7 tribute to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
8 sympathy to her family and friends.