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3 By Representative Rogers  
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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.