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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND FRANK BIENVILLE DEAN.
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10 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
11 to learn of the death of Reverend Frank Bienville Dean of
12 Jackson, Alabama, February 13, 2017, at 83 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Reverend Frank Bienville
14 Dean leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many
15 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly
16 regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Dean was the youngest child born
18 to Rudolph Dean, Sr., and Allar Jones Dean on February 13,
19 1934; he graduated from Harper High School in Jackson; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Dean graduated from Alabama State
21 University in 1958, where he was an active participant in the
22 marching band; and

23 WHEREAS, while at Alabama State University, Reverend
24 Dean became active in the Civil Rights Movement and served as
25 bodyguard for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

26 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Reverend
27 Dean was a teacher at Wilson Hall High School, where he

1 started the school's marching band; he later taught biology,
2 started a band, and served as financial aid officer at Selma
3 University; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Dean served as pastor of his home
5 church, Vernal Chapel Baptist Church, as well as Mt. Nebo
6 Baptist Church, and Pine Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church in
7 Toddtown before returning to Vernal Chapel Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, upon retirement from Selma University, he
9 served as moderator of the Union Missionary Baptist District
10 Association and was active in the Bethel Missionary Baptist
11 District Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Frank Bienville Dean was preceded
13 in death by his parents; four brothers, Rudolph Dean, Jr.,
14 Spurgeon Dean, Jerome Dean, and Hildred Dean; five sisters,
15 Allar B. Scott, Magaline Stewart, Ardellar Gross, Florence
16 Dean, and Alice Etheredge; and cousin, Edmond Dean; and

17 WHEREAS, survivors include a son, Bienville Keith
18 Dean; sister-in-law, Deloris "Doshia" Dean; and cousin, Melva
19 Dean; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Frank Bienville Dean was a valued
21 member of the community; although his presence is greatly
22 missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all
23 those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
26 Reverend Frank Bienville Dean, we are extremely grateful for
27 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest

1 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
2 sympathy to his family and friends.