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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 SAMUEL JENKINS, SR.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of Samuel Jenkins,
13 Sr., of Daphne, Alabama, whose passing on February 25, 2017,
14 at the age of 90, has left a void in his family and his
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, born in Loxley, Alabama, Mr. Jenkins served
17 in the United States Army during World War II in the Pacific
18 Theater and obtained the rank of Technician IV; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins was a potato farmer,
20 independent trucker, and an Industrial Specialist for the
21 Alabama State Employment Service; he also worked for the Del
22 Monte Banana Company and served in leadership roles for
23 professional associations and a multitude of civic
24 organizations; and

25 WHEREAS, truly a public servant whose contributions
26 to our state are immeasurable, Mr. Jenkins served as the first
27 African-American Commissioner and Chair on the Baldwin County

1 Commission; he served on the State Democratic Executive
2 Committee and assumed leadership roles on the Baldwin County
3 Human Resources Committee and the Intergovernmental Relations
4 Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Mount Aid Baptist
6 Church, Mr. Jenkins held a constant and commendable desire to
7 improve his community and the lives of all Alabamians; and

8 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved
9 wife, Willa Jackson Jenkins; and son and daughter-in-law,
10 Roderick and Beverly Jenkins; left to cherish the memory of
11 Mr. Jenkins are his sons, Samuel, Jr., (Hilda), Alvin
12 (Vaino), Fenton (Vicki), and Cedric (Cheryl); nine
13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of other
14 devoted family members and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins earned the admiration and
16 respect of all those with whom he was associated during his
17 successful and rewarding career; although his presence will be
18 greatly missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
19 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH HOUSES
21 THEREOF CONCURRING, That, even as we mourn the death of Samuel
22 Jenkins, Sr., we celebrate his life, dedication, and
23 commitment to improving the quality of life for all Alabamians
24 and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life,
25 along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is
26 shared by many.