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3 By Representative Scott
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 PRINCESS LOUISE VICTORIA BOYKIN MASON KEMP.

10
11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 death of Princess Louise Victoria Boykin Mason Kemp on March
13 16, 2017, and we uplift her inspiring life and legacy with
14 utmost reverence and respect; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Princess Louise Victoria
16 Boykin Mason Kemp leaves a void in the lives of her loving
17 family, many friends, and the entire community, where she was
18 highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, Princess was born May 1, 1937, to the union
20 of Reverend John Henry Boykin, Jr., and Elvira Thomas Boykin;
21 she accepted Christ into her heart at an early age and was a
22 faithful and dedicated lifelong member of First Baptist Church
23 Fairfield in Fairfield, Alabama, where she organized and
24 served as chair of the church's first health fair; she
25 obtained her education in the Fairfield City School System and
26 graduated from Fairfield Industrial High School in 1955; and

1 WHEREAS, Princess attended Miles College and earned
2 her Licensed Practical Nurse's Degree from Lawson-Wenonah
3 State Junior College and Technical Institute; in addition, she
4 has the distinction of being one of the first African
5 Americans to graduate from The University of Alabama at
6 Birmingham School of Nursing; she was employed as a nurse at
7 Baptist Princeton and The University of Alabama at Birmingham
8 hospitals and taught LPN courses at the Birmingham Skills
9 Center and Nurse's Assistants Certification classes at the
10 Westend High Night School Campus for more than 15 years; with
11 a noble desire to positively impact future practitioners
12 through health education, she became a Health Occupation
13 Education teacher for the Birmingham School System; and

14 WHEREAS, Princess was a powerful advocate, political
15 leader, and Civil Rights activist who established and led the
16 Fairfield Chapter of the National Association for the
17 Advancement of Colored People for many years and registered
18 local Black residents to vote during an era when Blacks were
19 discouraged from voting; she was also a member of the
20 Fairfield Democratic Women, Fairfield Democrats for Progress,
21 and Carter Success Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star Prince
22 Hall Affiliate in Fairfield, Alabama; she was a member of
23 numerous professional organizations and civic groups and
24 councils and was honored during the 50th Anniversary of the
25 Civil Rights Movement by both the Jefferson County Chapter of
26 NAACP and United States Representative Terri A. Sewell as a

1 prestigious Trailblazer of Equality and a Pioneer of the
2 Movement in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include two daughters, Valerie A.
4 King and Dr. Victoria Kemp Reese (Reginald); two sons, William
5 M. Mason, Jr. (Tonia) and Dezmon D. Kemp; sisters, Bettye
6 Maiden (Earnest), Patricia Hyde (Henry), Cheryl Moore
7 (Sidney), and Felicia Burks (Douglas); brother, Andre Boykin
8 (Charlotte); close family friend, Carlton Allen; and her
9 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of other
10 relatives and friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Princess Louise Victoria Boykin Mason Kemp
12 was a valued member of the community; although her presence is
13 greatly missed, her memory is cherished in the hearts and
14 minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know her; now
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
18 Princess Louise Victoria Boykin Mason Kemp, we are extremely
19 grateful for her abundant life, and we offer this resolution
20 in highest tribute to her legacy, as well as in heartfelt
21 sympathy to her family and friends.