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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF VERA  
9 M. THOMPSON.  
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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 death of Vera M. Thompson, and we uplift her inspiring life  
13 and legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Vera M. Thompson leaves a  
15 void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the  
16 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was born May 16, 1945, in  
18 Montgomery, Alabama, as the fifth child to Andrew and Manola  
19 Thomas; at an early age, she confessed Christ in her life and  
20 was baptized; she was a faithful and dedicated member of  
21 Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she served in numerous  
22 capacities; she used her artistic gifts as a dynamic speaker  
23 and singer to uplift the church and the community; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson attended Alabama State  
25 College Laboratory High School and graduated with honors from  
26 Alabama State College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in  
27 English Education in 1967; she also earned a Master of Arts

1 Degree in Education from Troy State University in Montgomery  
2 and a Master's Degree in Administration; and

3 WHEREAS, she devoted more than 40 years of  
4 remarkable service to educating public school students and  
5 garnered various accolades including selection as Principal of  
6 the Year for the State of Alabama; Mrs. Thompson mentored  
7 youth, faculty, and staff and instilled within others the  
8 importance of education; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson served as a member of the  
10 Montgomery Industrial Development Board; she was an active  
11 member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for over  
12 50 years and was a member of the Elites Social organization;  
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14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson tirelessly advocated for  
15 civil rights; her leadership, commitment to education, and  
16 outstanding example of service and achievement greatly  
17 impacted countless lives; she was married to her beloved and  
18 devoted husband, Felton C. Thompson, for over 47 years; and

19 WHEREAS, survivors include her husband; two lovely  
20 children, Chasity Quianna Thompson Osborn (Marcus) and Felton  
21 C. Thompson, II (Shalondria); and an adored grandchild, Felton  
22 C. Thompson, III; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was a valued member of the  
24 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory  
25 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
26 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2       THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
3       Vera M. Thompson, we are extremely grateful for her abundant  
4       life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to her  
5       legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her family and  
6       friends.