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3 By Representative Knight
4 RFD:
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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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson served as a member of the Montgomery Industrial Development Board; she was an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for over 50 years and was a member of the Elites Social organization; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson tirelessly advocated for civil rights; her leadership, commitment to education, and outstanding example of service and achievement greatly impacted countless lives; she was married to her beloved and devoted husband, Felton C. Thompson, for over 47 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was a valued member of the community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were 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.