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3 By Representative Givan  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND GEORGE WASHINGTON  
9 HAYDEN, SR.

10  
11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
12 death on May 12, 2021, of Reverend George Washington Hayden,  
13 Sr.; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Hayden was born in 1948, in  
18 Dixiana, Alabama, to Deacon Alfred Hayden, Sr. and Pearl Lee  
19 Hayden; and

20 WHEREAS, after graduating from Praco High School,  
21 Reverend Hayden enlisted in the United States Air Force; a  
22 Vietnam Veteran, he served as an Aircraft Mechanic; after he  
23 completed his service, he resided in Columbus, Ohio, and  
24 joined Clair United Methodist Church, where he served as  
25 Usher, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Male Chorus Member,  
26 Chairman of the Trustee Board, and Lay Speaker; later, he  
27 returned to Alabama and was called by God into ministry in May

1           1986; in July 1989, he was ordained by God through a counsel  
2           of pastors, under Pastor Oscar Huntley at New Canaan  
3           Missionary Baptist Church in Graysville, Alabama; during his  
4           tenure at New Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, he served as  
5           Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, and President of  
6           Christian Education; and

7           WHEREAS, Reverend Hayden served as Pastor of  
8           Jerusalem Baptist Church in Porter, Alabama, and had served as  
9           Pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church for 28 years; he also  
10          was a Certified Teacher of the National Sunday School  
11          Publishing Board and the President of the Congress of  
12          Christian Education for the Walker County Young Ministers  
13          Association; and

14          WHEREAS, Reverend Hayden earned his Bible Diploma  
15          from The Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College in  
16          Birmingham, Alabama, in May 1990; his Bachelor of Theology  
17          Degree in May 1995; and his Master of Arts in Biblical Studies  
18          and his Master of Arts in Ministry with a Concentration in  
19          Pastoral Leadership from The Birmingham Theological Seminary;  
20          and

21          WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;  
22          son, Gordon W. Hayden; brother, Nathaniel Griffin; and sister,  
23          Mary Leonora Hayden; and

24          WHEREAS, Reverend Hayden is survived by his devoted  
25          wife, Sonya L. Hayden; sons, George W. Hayden, Jr. (Ebony),  
26          Gregory W. Hayden (LaQuita), Reuben Woods (Lauren), and  
27          Roderick Hayden (J'Aime'); daughter, Domonique Stinson;

1 brothers, Johnson Griffin (Laura), James Griffin (Mary),  
2 Alfred Hayden, Jr. (Vanessa), and Donald Hayden (Earlene);  
3 sisters, Geraldine Gardner, Darlene Hayden Raines (Clyde), and  
4 Sharon Spear (Tommie); special aunt, Valdora Johnson; and a  
5 host of nieces, nephews, additional family members, and  
6 friends; and

7                   WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
8 missed, the memory of Dr. Hayden will be cherished in the  
9 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

10                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend George  
12 Washington Hayden, Sr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
13 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
14 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
15 many.