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3 By Representative Grimsley
4 RFD:
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ADAS JEAN SANKEY.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on February 6, 2022, of Mr. Adas Jean "AJ" Sankey at the age of 99 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Sankey was born on October 21, 1922, to Will and Leoner Spann Sankey in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful and dedicated member of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he served in many roles, including trustee, usher, and Sunday School Superintendent; he served his country in the United States Army during World War II from July 1944 to 1946 before being honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sankey was an active leader in his community where he served as a volunteer and later as Assistant Fire Chief for the Screamer Volunteer Fire Department; he was a member of the Magnolia Lodge #218 as a

1 32nd degree Mason; and a member of the Alabama Democratic
2 Conference for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his infant son,
4 Willie Lee Sankey; and daughter, Patricia Ward; and

5 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife, Mrs.
6 Christine Spann Sankey; sons, Robert Sankey (Nelli), Larry
7 Sankey (Marion), and Ricky Grubbs (Barbara Ann)Willie Sankey;
8 daughters, Barbara Ann Grimsley (Clarence), Leoner Isom, Mary
9 Joyce Lynn (Artis) and Sandra Grubbs; twenty-two
10 grand-children; special grandson, Rickey Dozier (Arica);
11 special niece, Delories Spells; and a host of other family and
12 friends; and

13 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
14 missed, the memory of Mr. Sankey will be cherished in the
15 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Adas Jean
18 Sankey is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
19 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
20 his family, whose grief is shared by many.