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3 By Representative Hall
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. IRENE M. THOMAS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Mrs. Irene M. Thomas; and

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

WHEREAS, in 1943, Mrs. Thomas graduated from Prairie View A and M College, now Prairie View A and M University; she was married for 57 years to Dr. Winfred Thomas, the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Alabama A and M University; they had one daughter, Carolyn M. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, her professional achievements include teaching school for over 30 years, first in Texas then in Madison County, Alabama; she taught third grade at Councill Training School and fourth grade at Riverton Elementary in Madison County; in 1972, she was nominated by Principal R. Gates, as one of the most Outstanding Teachers in America; and

1 WHEREAS, even though she retired from teaching
2 school in 1977, Mrs. Thomas never retired from learning; she
3 became proficient in computer usage, master gardening,
4 calligraphy, and playing the piano and guitar; she served
5 faithfully in Christian ministry as a Sunday School teacher
6 and was involved in several other church organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas was affiliated with many
8 educational, social, and civic organizations, including the
9 Madison County Teachers Association, the Alabama Education
10 Association, the Alabama Retired Teachers Association,
11 Continental Professional Society, Lamron Professional Society,
12 and she was a Charter Member of the Madison County Rural
13 Senior Services; and

14 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
15 missed, the memory of Mrs. Thomas will be cherished in the
16 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Irene M.
19 Thomas is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
20 offered in tribute to her life, along with heartfelt sympathy
21 to her family, whose grief is shared by many.