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4 HR_____ HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ESSIE HOLMES WILLIS.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with great reverence and admiration
7 that we acknowledge the remarkable journey of Essie Holmes
8 Willis, born on December 23, 1933, in Dayton, Alabama, to
9 Hudson Holmes and Susie LeShure Holmes; and

10 WHEREAS, Essie Holmes Willis, a resident of Marengo
11 County, later relocated to Brighton, Alabama, where she
12 pursued her education at Brighton High School and Abram
13 Trade School, laying the foundation for a life of learning
14 and growth; and

15 WHEREAS, on January 19, 1952, Essie Holmes was joined
16 in holy matrimony with John R. Willis, embarking on a
17 lifetime partnership that bore the fruit of four beautiful
18 children, a testament to their enduring love and commitment;
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20 WHEREAS, Essie Holmes Willis has been an integral
21 part of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Brighton, Alabama, for
22 over 50 years, serving as a devoted member of the choir, a
23 dedicated mentor in the youth department, and a beacon of
24 light in the BTU vacation Bible study school, embodying the
25 true spirit of faith and community; and

26 WHEREAS, Essie Holmes Willis dedicated 15 years of
27 her professional life to the Booker T. Washington Insurance
28 Company, where her hard work and integrity shone brightly;



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29 she worked for the Jefferson County Health Department until
30 her well-deserved retirement on April 9, 1998, leaving a
31 lasting impact on all those she encountered; and

32 WHEREAS, we extend our deepest gratitude and
33 heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Essie Holmes Willis for her
34 unwavering dedication to her family, church, and community,
35 and for the exemplary life she has led for the past 90
36 years; may her legacy of love, service, and faith continue
37 to inspire us all; now therefore,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
39 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Ms. Essie Holmes
40 Willis is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
41 offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy
42 to her family, whose grief is shared by many.