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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIE FRANK BROWN, JR.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the
7 death on January 5, 2024, of Mr. Willie Frank Brown, Jr. at
8 the age of 91 years; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born on December 7, 1932, in
13 Wetumpka, Alabama, to Willie F. Brown, Sr. and Ida Mae
14 Foster Brown; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of George Washington
16 Carver High School, Class of 1955; he was also a graduate of
17 Gadsden Technical College where he was certified as an Auto
18 Mechanic and of Gadsden State where he was certified in
19 Welding Technology; he earned 150 accreditation hours for
20 State and County Government at Auburn University; he was the
21 first Black person to become a Shop Foreman for the Etowah
22 County Road Department and retired after 34 years of
23 service; later, he served 10 years as the Etowah County
24 Commissioner of District 5 in Gadsden, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown accepted Christ as his Savior at
26 an early age; he served as Chairman of Deacons and President
27 of the Male Choir at Shiloh Baptist Church; he was a member
28 of Gethsemane Lodge #27, F&AM, member of Khedive Temple #16



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(Shriners), United Supreme Council, and Grand Inspector General 33, Washington, D.C.; and was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for his outstanding service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Alice Brown; sisters, Lovely Pearl and Janie Mae; brother, Robert; granddaughter, Robbyn; and a special friend, Bertha Brown; and

WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Willie Brown III (Ester), Vallery Brown, Timothy Brown (Sharon), Sheila Jones (Lonnie), Deverett Hill, and Everett Hill (Sharon Marbry); 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; honorary son, Honorable Craig Ford; special friends, Willene Wallace, Perry Guin, Jonathan Rhodes, and numerous friends in the 310th Chemical Company; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Willie Frank Brown, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.