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By Representatives Moore (M), Hollis, Sellers, Givan

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First Read: 06-Mar-24

HR____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARRY GIDDENS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Harry Giddens of Birmingham, Alabama, on February 27, 2024, at the age of 87; 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, Harry Giddens was born on September 7, 1936; on November 26, 1977, he married Sharon F. Giddens and five daughters were born to that holy union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens worked for the United States Postal Service until he retired in 1995; he devoted a lifetime to committed community engagement; he served 40 years as President of Brownsville Heights Neighborhood Association; 32 years as President of the Airport Hills community; nine years on the Neighborhoods USA Board on Resource Development; and on the Airport Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens, with former Councilwoman Maxine Parker, spearheaded the drive to purchase the land from the State of Alabama that was the former AG Gaston Nursing Home; that land cleared and repurposed for the building of the Brownsville Heights Community Center in 2012; the building

holds meeting space, activity rooms, and a media room; and a walking trail was built around the center; on September 7, 2013, in commendation for his hard work, the auditorium was named to honor him; and

WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly missed, the memory of Harry Giddens 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 Harry Giddens is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.