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By Representative Sellers

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HR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN DEACON WILL EDMOND.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on March 13, 2024, of United States Army Veteran Deacon Will Edmond at the age of 99; his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the community where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Will Edmond was born on July 20, 1924, to Will Edmond and Katherine Williams Edmond Mixon; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army and demonstrated loyalty, duty, selfless service, and integrity during his years of service; a part of the D-Day Invasion at Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944, his heroism and sacrifice helped to bring an end to World War II; and

WHEREAS, Will Edmond had the great honor of marrying the love of his life, Mary Lee Farrington Edmond, in 1946, and their union was blessed with five children; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Will Edmond was a faithful and committed member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church; he loved the church and was often the first to arrive and the last to leave on Sundays; he served as a Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and Chairman of the Deacon Board; even as his health failed and he slowed down in life,

he still made attending church a priority; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Edmond loved his family and friends and never hesitated to show them how much through his thoughtfulness and kindness; even though he only had a seventh-grade education, his children said he had a PhD in life and living; he was full of sound advice and could fix or repair anything; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Will Edmond is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Lee Edmond; sons, Will Edmond, Jr. and Clifton Edmond; daughter, Katherine; grandson, Deotris; granddaughter, Nicole; brothers, Johnny, Harrison, and Jimmy; and sisters, Alberta, Martha, Mary Lee, Rosa, and Stella; and

WHEREAS, he leaves fond memories to be cherished by his brother, Zack Mixon; son, Reverand Dr. Nathaniel Edmond (Christine); daughter, Barbara Stephens (Deacon Reginald); daughter-in-law, Clara Edmond; grandsons, Ken Graham (Ruby), Demetrius Graham, Marquis Fowler (Donyelle), and LeVar Davis (Tabitha); granddaughters, Natonya McClay (Jerry) and Adrienne Anderson (Collies); as well as 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That although his presence will be greatly missed, the memory of United States Army Veteran Deacon Will Edmond will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; his death is recorded with deep

sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and service to others, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.