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4 HR_____ COMMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF
5 CLARENCE TAYLOR ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY.

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7 WHEREAS, with special pride, highest commendations
8 are conveyed to Clarence Taylor for his lifetime of service
9 through compassionate professionalism as a Funeral Director;
10 with joyful felicitations, we also celebrate his milestone
11 platinum jubilee birthday; and

12 WHEREAS, Clarence Taylor is the sixth of seven
13 children born to the loving union of George Taylor, Sr. and
14 Rosie Bell Williams Taylor on March 4, 1956, in Columbus,
15 Georgia; he is a 1974 graduate of Smiths Station High School
16 in Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, from an early age, Clarence Taylor felt a
18 deep connection to others and a determination to pursue that
19 connection as a mortician; throughout his youth, he
20 maintained his desire to serve grieving families and
21 attained employment with Battle and Battle Funeral Home as a
22 maintenance worker and an apprentice for two years before
23 enrolling in the Funeral Service Education Program at
24 Miami-Dade Community College; he graduated in 1976 and
25 returned to Battle and Battle Funeral Home as assistant
26 manager, ready to fully commit to serving the community
27 through every aspect of funeral care; and

28 WHEREAS, Clarence Taylor continued to advance his

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29 education and career, passing the National Funeral Directors
30 and Morticians Examination in 1976 and the State of
31 Alabama's examination in 1977; he became licensed as a
32 funeral director and embalmer in both Alabama and Georgia;
33 and he was promoted to manager of Battle and Battle in 1979,
34 serving there for many years with dedication and
35 perseverance; and

36 WHEREAS, in April 1991, Clarence Taylor officially
37 opened his own business, Taylor Funeral Home, Inc., in
38 Phenix City, Alabama; the funeral home is now in its 35th
39 year of serving families of all races and backgrounds; the
40 business offers an assortment of services designed to
41 deliver a thorough and dignified reflection of a life well
42 lived to grieving families; it is the only Black-owned
43 funeral home in the Phenix City and Columbus area that
44 provides grief support group meetings; and

45 WHEREAS, Clarence Taylor is also celebrating a life
46 well lived on the occasion of his platinum jubilee birthday,
47 a significant milestone that represents seven decades of
48 wisdom earned and memories gained and is a time of great
49 rejoicing; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Clarence Taylor is highly
52 commended for his many professional achievements, each of
53 which is put into practice to serve others in the community,
54 and this resolution is offered to him as evidence of our
55 high regard and with best wishes for a happy birthday and
56 many more blessings and birthdays to come.