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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT.

WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Height earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from New York University after having been denied educational opportunities because she was African-American; and

WHEREAS, often referred to as the "godmother of the Civil Rights Movement," Dr. Height was one of Dr. Martin Luther King's most trusted and instrumental allies; she led the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years prior to stepping down in 1997; her contributions to the advancement of the cause of equal rights are equalled only by those of Dr. King and very few others; and

WHEREAS, any student of the history of the Civil Rights Movement will quickly identify Dr. Height as a figure of quiet, unyielding resolve; her accomplishments have been recognized by honors and designations too numerous to list, including two of our nation's highest civilian awards, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal; and

1 WHEREAS, all people of good will join in honoring
2 the memory of this extraordinary American; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF, That the life and service of Dr. Dorothy Irene
5 Height is hereby celebrated in this special tribute and that a
6 copy of this resolution be delivered to her family with our
7 sincere gratitude and abiding esteem.

