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3 By Representatives Kennedy, Hall, Warren, Moore (M) and
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT.

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

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

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

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

1 Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold
2 Medal; and

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

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