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3 By Representatives Scott, Allen, Baker (A), Baker (L), Ball,  
4 Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beck, Beech, Bentley, Black, Boothe,  
5 Boyd, Bridges, Buskey, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman, Collier,  
6 Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields,  
7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,  
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,  
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,  
10 Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,  
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,  
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,  
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),  
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,  
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford,  
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas  
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams  
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren  
19 RFD:  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ETHEL MAE JONES BIAS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
11 news is received of the death of a beloved and esteemed  
12 Alabamian, Mrs. Ethel Mae Jones Bias, on January 21, 2010, at  
13 the age of 92 years; and

14 WHEREAS, born January 10, 1918, in Livingston,  
15 Alabama, she was the daughter of Lilart and Sophia Abrams  
16 Jones, and her early life was spent in a Christian home, an  
17 influence that remained with her until her death; and

18 WHEREAS, after moving to Fairfield, Alabama, in  
19 1942, she joined Crumbey Bethel Primitive Baptist Church,  
20 where she served in many capacities, including Sanctuary  
21 Choir, Missionary Society, Sunday School, and prayer meetings;  
22 she also directed the Baptist Training Union and helped with  
23 the Little Angels Choir; in addition, she was affiliated with  
24 the local, state, and national conventions; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bias was a dedicated worker at Lloyd  
26 Noland Hospital for 30 years, first on the children's ward and  
27 later in the nursery, a position she held until her

1 retirement; she was also a leader in community affairs,  
2 including membership in the Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature  
3 as well as the Fairfield Democratic Women, the Voters' League,  
4 the F.D.R. Democratic Club, the Fairfield Civic Leagues, and  
5 the Corine Chapter 257 of the Order of the Eastern Star;  
6 through the years, she was a conscientious worker in voter  
7 registration and in assisting voters who found it difficult to  
8 get to the polls; and

9 WHEREAS, she leaves to mourn her death her beloved  
10 and loving husband, Leroy Bias, Sr.; three daughters, Mary  
11 Elizabeth Robinson, Leona Bias, and Deborah (William)  
12 Ginwright; a brother, Clarence Jones; sister-in-law, Rena  
13 Bestor; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; four  
14 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of additional caring  
15 relatives and friends; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was  
17 preceded in death by a brother, Johnnie Jones; sister,  
18 Ernestine Jones Myles; son, Leroy Bias, Jr., and grandson,  
19 Christopher Michael Robinson; and

20 WHEREAS, devoted to family, faith, and her  
21 fellowman, Mrs. Bias was a valued member of the community  
22 whose presence will be greatly missed by those who were  
23 privileged to know her during her long and productive life;  
24 now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Ethel Mae  
27 Jones Bias is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution

1 is offered in highest tribute to her life of achievement and  
2 service, along with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.