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3 By Representative McAdory
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND CHARLIE HARRIS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
11 news is received of the death of Reverend Charlie Harris of
12 Bessemer, Alabama, on March 10, 2010, at the age of 77 years;
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14 WHEREAS, in the death of Reverend Harris, his loving
15 family, many friends, and the entire community have suffered
16 an inconsolable loss; and

17 WHEREAS, he was born September 17, 1932, to Doyle
18 and Fannie Harris, who were sharecroppers in Orrville,
19 Alabama; Reverend Harris moved to Bessemer, Alabama, and later
20 married Ruby Terrell, who predeceased him; their union was
21 blessed with two daughters, Rhonda and Charlene, and through
22 the years the family joyously welcomed grandchildren Jantzen
23 Arseeria, Sydney, Victor, Jr., and Moriah; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris was employed for many years
25 with Suburban Gas Company; he was licensed to repair heating
26 devices and was exceptionally skilled; and

1 WHEREAS, five decades ago, he became a faithful
2 member of Canaan Baptist Church in Bessemer, where he served
3 in many capacities including Associate Minister, Deacon, and
4 Bus Ministry Worker; he also taught a Sunday School Class and
5 worked diligently wherever needed; he was a graduate of
6 Birmingham Baptist Bible College; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris passed on to his children
8 his love of education, strong work ethic, and commitment to
9 economic empowerment; his daughters and grandchildren became
10 highly accomplished in their chosen careers, and his son,
11 George Blanks, is a dedicated minister of the gospel; and

12 WHEREAS, through the years, Reverend Harris was
13 known as hardworking, dependable, tenacious, humble, honest,
14 loving, kind, and forgiving; he selflessly sacrificed his own
15 wants for his family's needs, and worked hard to provide a
16 good life for his loved ones; his presence will be greatly
17 missed by those who were privileged to know him; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend Charlie
21 Harris is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
22 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
23 to his grieving family.