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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN FRANKLIN GRAY.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
11 news is received of the death of Mr. John Franklin Gray of
12 Mobile, Alabama, on April 6, 2010, at the age of 87 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Gray leaves a deep void
14 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the
15 entire community; and

16 WHEREAS, born November 27, 1922, he was the son of
17 Gable Gray and Alice Gray-Russell; he was a highly esteemed
18 educator in the Mobile County Public School System for more
19 than 50 years, receiving numerous honors and awards; a veteran
20 of World War II, he was a member of the P. L. Wilson
21 Detachment, Inc. #447, Marine Corps League and the Montford
22 Point Marine Association, Inc.; in 2007, he was named Veteran
23 of the Year by the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission,
24 and he also starred in the Ken Burns Documentary, "The War";
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26 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was a
27 longtime member of Big Zion AME Zion Church until his marriage

1 in 2001 to Reverend Edwina Gray, Associate Minister at Hope
2 Chapel AME Zion Church, where he became an active member until
3 his death; and

4 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
5 and loving wife, Reverend Edwina Gray; six children, John
6 (Brenda) Gray, Rhonda Gray, Alice Gray, Gordon (Brenda) Gray,
7 Danielle Gray, and Gable Gray; two stepdaughters, Angela
8 (John) Stallworth and LaJeana (Kenneth) Williams; five
9 grandchildren, Terrance, Kiristen, Deidra, Philip, and Tamara
10 Gray; eight step-grandchildren, Brittany, Shantel, Xavier,
11 Jasmine, Jakorey, Destiny, Kenneth, and Kenyon; cousins, Pearl
12 Gray Daniels, Fred (Carol) Gray, and Thomas (Juanita) Gray;
13 sister-in-law, Janie (Ronald) Heard; two great-grandchildren;
14 and a number of additional caring relatives and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded
16 in death by his first wife and the mother of his children,
17 Ruth Ramsey Gray; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Gray was a valued member of the
19 community whose presence will be greatly missed by those who
20 were privileged to know him during the course of his long and
21 productive lifetime; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. John
24 Franklin Gray is recorded with profound sadness, and this
25 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along
26 with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.