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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MISSIONARY GENEVA JACKSON
9 PENN.

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11 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
12 news of the death of Missionary Geneva Jackson Penn on
13 February 29, 2012, at the age of 88 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Penn leaves a void in
15 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the
16 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, born April 25, 1923, in Perdue Hill,
18 Alabama, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Mary
19 Hannah Benjamin-Jackson; known as "Mama Penn" by many, she had
20 a beautiful spirit and was dedicated in her strong Christian
21 walk; she held a firm belief in helping others and never met a
22 stranger; she left an inspiring legacy; and

23 WHEREAS, with much faith and devotion, she served as
24 president of the St. James #7 Independent Order of Universal
25 Brotherhood in Finchburg, Alabama, as Worthy Matron of the
26 Order of the Eastern Star in Birmingham, Alabama, as president
27 of the Help One Another Club in Wainwright, Alabama, and as

1 District Missionary of the Monroeville District; she founded
2 the Wainwright Church of God in Christ in 1970, and was a
3 member for many years; she was a member of the El Shadal
4 Church of God in Christ in Birmingham, which was later named
5 Acipico COGIC; and

6 WHEREAS, survivors include five sons, Ledger Penn,
7 Reverend James Micheal (Nicole) Penn, William (Floralee) Penn,
8 Lynly (Sarah) Penn, and Carey Penn; nine daughters, Eva
9 (Jewell) Hawkins, Queenester (Art) Bell, Genevieve Johnson,
10 Betty Mitchell, Martha Boothe, Daisy Washington, Roslyn P.
11 (James) Horn, Cathy (Lee) Burks, and Martha (Rev. John A.)
12 Tucker; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and
13 great-great grandchildren; a devoted niece, Sarah (Fitzhugh)
14 Barry; two daughters-in-law, one devoted, Florastine Penn and
15 Emma Benison; special friends and sons in the Gospel, Rev. and
16 Sis. W.E. Hill, Rev. and Sis. Matthew Davis, Rev. and Sis.
17 Floyd Dailey, Rev. and Sis. Wilson Gibby, and Rev. and Sis.
18 Thomas E. Jackson; other special friends, Pastor Buddy (Rosie)
19 Williams, Sis. Gracie Gallery, Sis. Ora Smith, Sis. Bennie Mae
20 Rigsby, Sis. Maggie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knight, Sheriff
21 Thomas Tate, Mary Brown, Arlene Edwards, Jackie McMillian,
22 Wanda Johnson, A.C. and Kathy McKenzie, Willie Lee and Willie
23 Mae Kidd, Sis. Ireatha Marshall, Oneal Richardson, Marie,
24 J.T., and Waydell Williams, Dea. Charles McCants, Kathy Rowell,
25 Sis. Pearleane Monroe, Rayford McClain, Jr., and wife, Pastor
26 Gladys Knight, Evangelist Ida White, Marion Miller, Sis.
27 Hattie Hunt, Elder Maurice (Melanie) Etheridge, Bro. Ricky

1 (Hazel) Bright, Mother Jacquelyn Ethedridge, Elder and Sis.
2 Robert Smith, Sis. Mabel Howard, Co-Pastor Sarah Hetherington,
3 Carl Armstrong; her favorite piano player whom she called "my
4 boy," Chris Cunningham, and a host of friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Penn was a valued member of the
6 community, although her presence will be greatly missed, her
7 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
8 were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Missionary
11 Geneva Jackson Penn is recorded with deep sadness, and this
12 certificate is offered in highest tribute to her life, along
13 with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.