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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ELSIE BURROUGHS DAVIS.

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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
11 receive news of the death of Mrs. Elsie Burroughs Davis on
12 April 6, 2012, at the age of 89 years; and

13 WHEREAS, born on September 27, 1922, in Whatley,
14 Alabama, she was the 12th and youngest child born to Robert
15 "Bob" and Mamie Burroughs; she became a devout Christian at an
16 early age and later united with the Mt. Olive Missionary
17 Baptist Church No. 1; soon after marrying Joe Walter Davis in
18 1939, she moved to Mobile, Alabama, to begin her life as a
19 devoted wife and mother; she will be remembered for her
20 feistiness and high spirit, but more so for her love of
21 family; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis lived a disciplined and
23 purpose-filled life; she loved to work with her hands and
24 enjoyed planting in her flower beds and vegetable garden;
25 rarely one to be still, she often rose before the sun and
26 spent many nights preparing for the day to come; she was wise
27 beyond education and lived a life that was an amazing example

1 of integrity and persistence; while unable to obtain formal
2 schooling herself, she emphasized to all her children the
3 significance of education; she also conveyed to her children
4 the power of the Golden Rule; she was a strict disciplinarian
5 who accepted from herself and her children nothing less than
6 to strive for excellence; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents and her husband,
8 she was predeceased by her son, Willie Herman Davis; four
9 brothers; and seven sisters; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include eight children, Joe
11 (Phyllis) Davis, Geneva Davis (Bobby) White, Linda Davis
12 (Jimmy) Graham, Frank (Maxime) Davis, LaVerne (David)
13 Long-Daniels, Dwayne Demond Davis, Angela Davis (Jay) Jarrett,
14 and our friend and colleague, Senator Vivian Davis Figures; 14
15 grandchildren, Rhonda White Ahmaad, Bobby Lee White, Jr.,
16 Michael Douglas (Yolanda) Anderson, Michelle Marie Davis,
17 Derrick Demond Figures, Akil Michael Figures, Shomari Coleman
18 Figures, Frank (Kristina) Davis, Jr., Lynette Elise Fitts,
19 Jelani Anthony Figures, Joseph Michael Davis, Jabari Dennis
20 Scott, David Michael Long-Daniels, Vivian Jenae Long-Daniels,
21 and Julian Wade Jarrett; 10 great-grandchildren, Scot Ward
22 White, Jameela Ahmaad, Khadeeja Ahmaad, Baseer Ahmaad, Ahmadi
23 Cole, Joshua Smith, Adriana Elizabeth Davis, Christian Michael
24 Anderson, William Joseph Davis, and Endaya White; a special
25 neighbor, Virginia Powe; and a host of nieces, nephews,
26 cousins, other relatives, and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis leaves a legacy of selflessness,
2 hard work, strength, and determination; she was a valued
3 member of the community and a well-loved "Mother" and "Mama"
4 who will be dearly missed; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Elsie
7 Burroughs Davis is recorded with deepest sadness, and this
8 resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life, along
9 with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared
10 by many.