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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JERRY THOMAS, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Mr. Jerry Thomas, Jr., at the age
12 of 59 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his untimely death leaves a void in the
14 lives of his loving family and his many friends; and

15 WHEREAS, born on January 29, 1954, in Linden,
16 Alabama, he was the son of the late Deacon Jerry and Juanita
17 Thomas, Sr., and became a devout Christian at an early age,
18 uniting with the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, while residing in New York, he faithfully
20 attended Southview Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a 1973 graduate of G.P. Austin High
22 School in Linden, where he was a standout football player; his
23 abilities were recognized with a football scholarship to
24 Albany State University, but he earned his degree from Bronx
25 Community College; and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include three children, Jamaal
2 Thomas, John Henry (Carolyn) Davis, and Taylor Thomas; four
3 sisters, Gearldine Thomas, Dorothy Thomas White, Emma (Martin)
4 Keane, and Ruby (Clarence) Agee; uncles, Isodore Sneed and
5 Tommy Gilchrist; aunts, Jonnie Mae Gilchrist, Emma Raby, and
6 Toynette Agee; three cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas and
7 John Ellis Raby; special friend, Sallie Washington; and a host
8 of additional loving relatives and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas will be remembered for his
10 devotion to family, faith, and community; although his
11 presence will be greatly missed, his legacy will endure in the
12 hearts of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Jerry
15 Thomas, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
16 resolution is offered with heartfelt sympathy to his family,
17 whose grief is shared by many.