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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ANTOINETTE S. WILSON.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn  
11 the death of Mrs. Antoinette S. Wilson of Huntsville, Alabama,  
12 on March 12, 2013, at the age of 65 years; and

13 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of  
14 her loving family and her many friends; and

15 WHEREAS, born in Scottsboro, Alabama, on April 17,  
16 1947, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Horace P. Snodgrass  
17 and Katherine Walker Snodgrass; she was a musical prodigy who  
18 began playing the piano at the age of three and one year  
19 later, aided by a stack of phone books, she began playing for  
20 her father's church services; and

21 WHEREAS, after her family moved to Huntsville, she  
22 attended Councill High School and later earned a Degree in  
23 Elementary Education from Alabama A and M University; she  
24 began her teaching career at Terry Heights Elementary School  
25 and continued perfecting her craft at The Academy for  
26 Academics and Arts (AAA); and

1           WHEREAS, she developed a program that taught various  
2 language skills through music, Sing to Improve Reading (STIR),  
3 and was able to implement this system across the nation,  
4 ultimately recording a CD that continues to be used in  
5 classrooms; in addition, she was in demand as the accompanist  
6 for many renowned artists and contributed to acclaimed AAA  
7 productions, continuing her aid to the Theatre Department  
8 after retirement; and

9           WHEREAS, of special significance are Mrs. Wilson's  
10 choral arrangements that have become staples in houses of  
11 worship nationwide; her church music ministry began with the  
12 formation of a youth choir in 1975 at First Missionary Baptist  
13 Church, where she served as the pianist; the assemblage became  
14 appropriately known as "The Inspirational Choir" and has  
15 traveled throughout the United States in addition to being  
16 involved in outstanding local productions and singing with  
17 many famous artists, including being presented with a Gold  
18 Record for a Kenny Rogers album that reached 500,000 sales;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory her  
21 beloved husband of more than 41 years, Cleveland Thaddeus  
22 "Murphy" Wilson; daughters, Gina Simone and Danita LaShelle;  
23 sons-in-law, Brian K. Woods and Paul A. Jones; mother, Georgia  
24 P. Snodgrass; brother, Dr. Wayne Snodgrass; sisters-in-law,  
25 Charlotte Pugh and Eleanor and Margie Snodgrass;  
26 brother-in-law, Russel Wilson; nieces, Renee Snodgrass  
27 (Albert) Henry, Cynthia Nicole Snodgrass, Annette Snodgrass,

1 and Grace and Rachel Wilson; nephews, Jonathan (Lisa)  
2 Snodgrass, Dante (Jenni) Snodgrass, Kevin (Dinah) Snodgrass,  
3 Darius ((Evette)) Snodgrass, Gerald Snodgrass, Israel  
4 Snodgrass, Nelson Pugh, Jr., and Russel Pugh; and cherished  
5 grandchildren, Ethan Alexander Jones, Layna LaShelle Jones,  
6 and twins Hope Elizabeth and Caleb Maxwell Jones; and a host  
7 of other relatives and dear friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson was a valued member of the  
9 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her  
10 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were  
11 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Antoinette  
14 S. Wilson is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
15 is offered in tribute to her life along with heartfelt  
16 sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by many.