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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ELLEN VIRGINIA BROWN.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mrs. Ellen Virginia Brown on April 7, 2013, at
12 the age of 97 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 on October 19, 1915, in Washington
16 County, she was he daughter of Coleman and Martha Washington;
17 she was a lifelong resident of Salitpa, Alabama, and was
18 affectionately known to many as "Muh" and "Madea"; and

19 WHEREAS, she accepted Christ at an early age and was
20 a devoted member of the Church of the Living God in
21 Coffeenville, where she was recognized as the Oldest Mother of
22 the Church and served faithfully in many capacities including
23 as a member of the choir; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was
25 predeceased by her husband, Pastor Willie D. Brown; brothers,
26 Joshua, Lewis James, Henry C., Frank, and Caesar Washington;

1 sisters, Mattie Lee Woodard, Goldie Johnson, Nell Rhee
2 Bradley, and Anna Sargent; and daughter, Frances McGhee; and

3 WHEREAS, she leaves to mourn her death her sons,
4 Melvin (Linda) Brown, Evonne (Donna) Woodard, and Adam (Para)
5 Gatson; daughters, Juanita Gatson, Flora (Mance) McKenzie,
6 Minnie Hytower, Bernice Johnson, and Melva Dean Gatson;
7 brother, Sam (Bertha) Washington; sisters, Edna Mae Dixon and
8 Martha (Jimmy) Dixon; 44 grandchildren; 66
9 great-grandchildren; 56 great-great-grandchildren; nine
10 great-great-great-grandchildren; and a number of other
11 relatives and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown was blessed with many talents,
13 especially cooking and growing beautiful flowers; she loved
14 everyone and was loved in return; although her presence will
15 be greatly missed, her legacy will endure in the hearts of
16 those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Ellen
19 Virginia Brown is recorded with deep sadness, and this
20 resolution is offered with heartfelt sympathy to her family,
21 whose grief is shared by many.