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4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bracy, Bridges, Brown,
5 Burdine, Buskey, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clouse,
6 Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake,
7 England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston, Givan,
8 Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,
9 Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison,
10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight,
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Poole,
15 Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,
16 Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway,
17 Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND NIMROD Q. REYNOLDS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Reverend Nimrod Q. Reynolds of
12 Anniston, Alabama, on May 12, 2013, at the age of 82 years;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family and his many friends; he was among the
16 titans of the struggle for equal rights as well as a dedicated
17 pastor who preached his first sermon in 1949; and

18 WHEREAS, born on April 30, 1931, in Chambers County,
19 Alabama, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Clark College in
20 Atlanta, Georgia; Master's Degree from the International
21 Theological Seminary; and Doctor of Ministry Degree from
22 Wesleyan Theological Seminary at American University in
23 Washington, D.C.; and

24 WHEREAS, among the highlights of his role as a Civil
25 Rights pioneer, he was attacked and beaten by members of the
26 Ku Klux Klan as he attempted to check out a book from the

1 Public Library in Anniston in September 1963 when Blacks were
2 not allowed to utilize the library's resources; and

3 WHEREAS, he went on to roles of leadership in the
4 Civil Rights Movement, including serving as EEOC officer with
5 the Community Action Agency, in key positions of the Southern
6 Christian Leadership Conference, as a member of the Human
7 Relations Council, and as chairman of the Anniston Improvement
8 Association; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1967, he integrated Tenth Street
10 Elementary School with his two children, the only Blacks in
11 the school at that time; in 1972, he sued the school board and
12 forced desegregation; and in 1976, he was elected the first
13 Black president of the Anniston City Board of Education; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Reynolds is credited with being
15 one of the influential leaders who worked diligently to
16 implement peaceful change in the City of Anniston during the
17 turbulent Civil Rights era; and

18 WHEREAS, among his well-deserved recognitions, he
19 was honored in January 2012 by The University of Alabama for
20 his work in Civil Rights and in June 2012 by the Alabama Black
21 Achievers; and

22 WHEREAS, his devout service as a minister
23 encompassed 48 years as pastor of the 17th Street Baptist
24 Church, where he shepherded the church's growth both
25 spiritually and structurally to its standing as a pillar of
26 faith in the community; and

1 WHEREAS, he was married for 47 years to the late Lue
2 Nell Todd Reynolds and their union was blessed with a
3 daughter, Tammye Quinnell, and son, Andre'deKoven; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Reynolds dedicated his life to the
5 service of God and mankind, and few individuals have surpassed
6 the extent of his far-reaching contributions to the struggle
7 for equal rights; although his presence will be greatly
8 missed, his legacy will endure and his memory will be
9 cherished in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know
10 him; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend Nimrod
13 Q. Reynolds is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
14 is offered in highest tribute to his life and with heartfelt
15 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.