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3 By Representative Rogers
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
9 CLEOPHUS LAMARR BROWN, SR.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 passing of Mr. Cleophus Lamarr Brown, Sr., and we uplift his
13 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;
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15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Cleophus Lamarr Brown
16 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
17 and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born to the union of Mr.
19 Frank Alexander and Mrs. Alberta Brown Townsend on November
20 25, 1933, in Bradford, Alabama; he accepted Christ into his
21 life at an early age and united with the Shady Grove Baptist
22 Church; he graduated from Hooper City High School; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served with much honor in the
24 United States Army and was stationed in Fort Polk, Louisiana,
25 and Munich, Germany, where he played baseball for his post,
26 before receiving an honorable discharge in 1953; in 1955, the
27 standout left-handed hitter made his professional baseball

1 debut in the Negro League and joined the Louisville Clippers;
2 he later played briefly for the Birmingham Black Barons; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was employed with Woodward Iron
4 Company and played as a member of the esteemed entity's
5 baseball team for 20 years; over the course of his career, he
6 also drove trucks for McWane and Ashland Chemical Company,
7 worked for Plymouth Tube, and served as a truck driver for the
8 United States Postal Service; he continued to play
9 semi-professional baseball with the East Thomas Baseball Team,
10 often leading the league in hitting; he retired his glove in
11 1996 at the age of 62; and

12 WHEREAS, he was united in Holy Matrimony to his
13 beloved and devoted wife, Alberta Threadgill, until her
14 passing in 2003; his precious memory is held dear by five
15 daughters, Jeannette Jones, Lynne Johnson (Stevie), Tanya
16 Davis, MaShunda Davis, and Latrasha Jones; six sons, Michael
17 Reed, James Ellis, Lyndon Fitzgerald Brown, Randy Jones,
18 Wendell Coleman, and Ceophus Davis; 14 granddaughters; seven
19 grandsons; eight great-granddaughters; and four
20 great-grandsons; loving and devoted sister, Teresa Alexander;
21 brother, Kenneth (Mary) Alexander; uncle, Roy (Nancy) Gavins;
22 brother-in-law, Arthur (Doris) Threadgill; special niece,
23 Pamela Threadgill; god-sisters, Connie Goldsby and Beverly
24 Marshall (Tony); god-brother, Clanford Alexander; five
25 godchildren, Iesha, Kynnedi, Isaiah, Tiesha, and Paul Watts;
26 special friends, Sabrina Watts and Priscilla Brown; and a host

1 of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a valued member of the
4 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
5 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
6 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
9 Mr. Cleophus Lamarr Brown, Sr., we are extremely grateful for
10 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
11 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
12 sympathy to his family and friends.