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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 EARLENE WILLIAMS.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 death of Earlene Williams at 95 years of age, and we uplift
13 her inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and
14 respect; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Earlene Williams leaves a
16 void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the
17 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Earlene Williams was born to the union of
19 Lue Ella (Gardner) and George Williams on March 1, 1922; she
20 spent her early childhood in Selma, Alabama, before later
21 moving with her family to Birmingham, Alabama; with much faith
22 and dedication, she attended the First Baptist Church of
23 Ensley, where she was a member of Sunday School, Choir,
24 Missionary Society, and the Courtesy Guild; and

25 WHEREAS, Earlene Williams attended A.H. Parker
26 Industrial High School and worked as a podiatrist assistant;
27 she and her beloved and devoted husband owned and operated

1 Hunter Enterprises, which consisted of Earlene's Beauty Nook,
2 Community Barber Shop, and Hulet's Flower Shop; she attended
3 Madame C.J. Walker's School of Cosmetology as well as the Ruth
4 Jackson Academy and earned a B.A. Degree in Cosmetology; she
5 worked at Superior Beauty Salon until she opened her own salon
6 that was built by her husband, "Will"; and

7 WHEREAS, Earlene Williams tirelessly encouraged and
8 enabled community resident involvement; she dedicated her life
9 to bettering the community and served as a powerful civil
10 rights activist; notably, she single-handedly organized a
11 boycott of Ensley businesses to advocate the hiring of Black
12 employees, and she was instrumental in the construction of the
13 East Ensley Library; in later years, she fought an arduous
14 battle to keep the East Ensley Library open; Earlene Williams
15 served as President of her neighborhood for over 35 years and
16 served on numerous public boards; and

17 WHEREAS, survivors include her daughters, Hulet
18 Hunter and Janice Hunter Hill; grandchildren, Harolyn Finch
19 Oliver, Kristi Finch, Christopher Caldwell, Robert Taylor,
20 Rufus Hill, and Joffrey Hunter; godson, Corey Barber;
21 goddaughter, Beverly Fields; great-grandchildren; and multiple
22 relatives and friends; and

23 WHEREAS, Earlene Williams was a valued member of the
24 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory
25 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
26 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
3 Earlene Williams, we are extremely grateful for her abundant
4 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to her
5 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her
6 family and friends.