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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LINDA
9 BROWN THOMPSON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we
12 note the lamentable death of Linda Brown Thompson of Topeka,
13 Kansas, on March 25, 2018, at the age of 75 years; as a young
14 student, Ms. Thompson became the symbol of the landmark
15 desegregation case, Brown v. Board of Education, which held
16 that segregated schools were inherently unequal; and

17 WHEREAS, during an interview in 1987, Ms. Thompson
18 recalled the long walks to her segregated school and the walk
19 with her father to Sumner School in September 1950, that set
20 the stage for Brown v. Board of Education; by the time the
21 United States Supreme Court ruled on the case, Ms. Thompson
22 was in an integrated junior high school; and

23 WHEREAS, learning to embrace her role in the
24 landmark case did not come easy for Ms. Thompson initially;
25 during her career, she became an educational consultant and
26 public speaker; an educational organization devoted to the

1 case, the Brown Foundation, was founded by her sister, Cheryl
2 Brown Henderson; and

3 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved
4 by many, we join with others to celebrate her life and
5 accomplishments, and to mourn her death; although her presence
6 will be greatly missed, her legacy will continue to be
7 cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate
8 to know her and those who will continue to benefit from her
9 courage; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Linda Brown
12 Thompson is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
13 her death, we also celebrate her life; this resolution is
14 offered with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is
15 shared by many.