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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND DR. HENRY L.
9 BRADFORD, JR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 death on March 15, 2019, of The Reverend Dr. Henry L.
13 Bradford, Jr., of Valhalla, Alabama, at the age of 97 years;
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15 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
16 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
17 where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Bradford was born and reared
19 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he received the Bachelor of
20 Arts Degree from Dillard University, Master of Divinity Degree
21 from The Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio;
22 Master of Arts Degree, the Specialist Diploma, and the
23 Doctorate Degree from Columbia University, New York, New York;
24 he also studied at the New England Conservatory of Music,
25 Boston, Massachusetts; The Julliard School, New York, New
26 York; Chicago Musical College and the Moody Bible Institute,

1 Chicago, Illinois, and The Union Theological Seminary, New
2 York, New York; and

3 WHEREAS, his professional career includes Chaplain
4 at Leland College, in Baker, Louisiana; professor and chairman
5 of the Department of Music Education and University Chaplain
6 at Alabama A and M University for four decades; and adjunct
7 music professor at Oakwood University; he is the author and
8 co-author of a large number of magazine articles, monographs,
9 and published sermons, including "Black Preaching: Selected
10 Sermons in the Presbyterian Tradition," published by the
11 Geneva Press; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Bradford organized and was the
13 first president of the Northwest Club of Kiwanis
14 International; founding member of the graduate and
15 undergraduate (Alabama A and M University) chapters of Alpha
16 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, in Huntsville, Alabama;
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18 WHEREAS, he served as Professor/Chairman Emeritus,
19 Alabama A and M University; Pastor Emeritus, Church Street
20 Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Committee Member Emeritus,
21 Huntsville Presbytery Committee on Ministerial Preparation and
22 Examination; Honoring Our Elders Honoree, Rosetta James
23 Foundation; Award of Merit, Alabama A and M University Alumni
24 Association, Incorporated; Henry Bradford, Jr. and Nell Lane
25 Bradford Day, City of Birmingham, Alabama, April 20, 1986; and
26 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Hall of Fame,
27 Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter; and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife, Mrs.
2 Nell Lane Bradford; children, Dr. Henry Lane Bradford and Dr.
3 Andrea Bradford; grandson, Henry Lane Bradford, Jr.; and a
4 host of other relatives and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
6 missed, the memory of Reverend Bradford will be cherished in
7 the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of The Reverend Dr.
10 Henry L. Bradford, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and
11 this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
12 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
13 many.