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4 Bedsole, Blackshear, Bracy, Brown (C), Brown (K), Carns,
5 Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels,
6 Dismukes, Drake, Drummond, Easterbrook, Ellis, England, Estes,
7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Forte, Garrett, Gaston,
8 Givan, Gray, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes, Harbison, Hassell,
9 Hill, Hollis, Holmes, Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Isbell, Jackson,
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11 Lee, Lipscomb, Lovvorn, Marques, McCampbell, McCutcheon,
12 McMillan, Meadows, Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morris,
13 Nordgren, Oliver, Paschal, Pettus, Pringle, Rafferty,
14 Reynolds, Rich, Robbins, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,
15 Scott, Sells, Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith, Sorrell,
16 Sorrells, South, Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer, Sullivan,
17 Treadaway, Wadsworth, Warren, Wheeler, Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox,
18 Wingo, Wood (D) and Wood (R)
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 30-SEP-21

MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. HAROLD A. FRANKLIN.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on September 9, 2021, of Dr. Harold A. Franklin of Talladega, Alabama, at the age of 88 years; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin was born on November 2, 1932, to Mr. George Franklin and Mrs. Eugenia Williams Franklin in Talladega, Alabama; he was the fourth of 10 children born to this union; at an early age, he attended Mount Canaan Baptist Church with his family; as an adult, he became a member of the historic Star of Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, where he served as church treasurer, steward, and secretary of the Board of Trustees; after the close of Star of Zion, Dr. Franklin became a member of Kelly Springs Missionary Baptist Church and remained a member until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin attended Westside School in Talladega; he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951,

1 where he actively served until 1955; he then became a
2 reservist until 1958; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1962, he graduated from Alabama State
4 University with a degree in Government and Psychology; on
5 January 4, 1964, Dr. Franklin became the first African
6 American to attend Auburn University, but due to adversity he
7 was unable to defend his thesis; he furthered his studies at
8 Brandeis University, Pine Manor Junior College, the University
9 of Denver, and Tufts University; he earned his Master's Degree
10 from Auburn University in the Spring of 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, professionally, Dr. Franklin served as a
12 professor at the University of Denver, Alabama State
13 University, North Carolina A and T University, Tuskegee
14 University, and Talladega College; in 1992, he retired from
15 higher education and became a fulltime employee with Terry's
16 Metropolitan Mortuary; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin was preceded in death by his
18 beloved wife, Mrs. Lilla M. Franklin; parents; twin brother,
19 Harry Alphonso Franklin; siblings, George Franklin, Jr., John
20 Henry Franklin, Mary Anna Dickerson, Spencer Robert Franklin,
21 and Alice Ruth Ragland; and

22 WHEREAS, survivors include his son, Harold Franklin,
23 Jr.; grandson, Deldrick Franklin; sisters, Pauline Smiley,
24 Edwina White, and Yvette Franklin; sister-in-law, Audrey M.
25 Butts; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
2 missed, the memory of Dr. Franklin will be cherished in the
3 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Harold A.
6 Franklin is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
7 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
8 his family, whose grief is shared by many.