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7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Forte, Garrett, Gaston,  
8 Gray, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes, Harbison, Hill, Hollis,  
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10 Jones (S), Kiel, Kitchens, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lipscomb,  
11 Lovvorn, Marques, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan,  
12 Meadows, Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morris, Nordgren,  
13 Oliver, Pettus, Poole, Pringle, Rafferty, Reynolds, Rich,  
14 Robbins, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells,  
15 Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith, Sorrell, Sorrells,  
16 South, Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer, Sullivan, Treadaway,  
17 Wadsworth, Warren, Wheeler, Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox, Wingo,  
18 Wood (D) and Wood (R)  
19 RFD:  
20 First Read: 04-MAY-21

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. FLORENCE W. BAILEY.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Dr. Florence W. Bailey, a powerful woman of God, at the age of 60; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey was born on August 17, 1955, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Thomas and Geraldine Waller; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, Dr. Bailey accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Bethel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, she was a graduate of Minor High School, Herzing University, Daniel Payne College, and St. Paul University in New York City, New York, where she earned a Doctorate of Theology; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, Dr. Bailey married the love of her life, Bishop Theopolis B. Bailey, Jr.; in 1978, the Baileys began their pastoral journey at Lifeline

1 Missionary Baptist Church; in 1979, Christ Temple Deliverance,  
2 also as known as Templelite Ministries, was born under their  
3 leadership, giving them a presence via television and radio;  
4 in 2001, they built a multi-million dollar facility in Ensley,  
5 in the heart of Birmingham; there, Dr. Bailey served  
6 faithfully as Co-Pastor until April 2021; she is recognized as  
7 one of the female generals of the faith, and many people,  
8 including those older than her, lovingly address her as  
9 "Mother" and "Ma Bailey"; through her foundation, Dr. Bailey  
10 educated many young people; and

11 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;  
12 sister, Sheliah Lynn Waller; and her sister-friend, Angela K.  
13 Wallace; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey is survived by her devoted  
15 husband, Bishop Theopolis B. Bailey, Jr.; daughters, Trenaye  
16 Michele, Florence Gwendolyn, and Miracle Marsha;  
17 grandchildren, Joseph Lowery and Caleb Jordan; siblings,  
18 Shirley Tyus (Ricky), Janice Grice (Gee), June Smith, and John  
19 Washington (Von); sisters-in-law, Patricia Diane Hardy, Billy  
20 Joyce Bailey, Regina Jones Bailey, Rosaline Elaine Bailey  
21 (Nora), and Alesia Gayle Dowling (Stacy); brother-in-law,  
22 James Patrick Bailey; her god family, the McDaniels; special  
23 cousin and caregiver, Carolyn Bolden; special cousins,  
24 Johnathan Harris and Wayne Harris; special sister, Darlene  
25 Sheppard; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other  
26 relatives, and additional friends; and

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

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