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3 By Representative Alexander
4 RFD:
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF DEACON WILLIAM JACKSON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Deacon William Jackson; 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, Deacon Jackson was born on July 6, 1952, in Bessemer, Alabama, to Ellen Jackson and John Bradley Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Jackson accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and united with New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile Junction; he later joined Spring Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Charlie Pippens; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Jackson was a graduate of Wenonah High School; and

WHEREAS, he married the love of his life, Martha Rea Jackson, on July 28, 1972; and

1 WHEREAS, Deacon Jackson acquired his certification
2 in welding and began his career as a certified welder for Zurn
3 Air Systems, where he dedicated 39 years of his life;
4 additionally, he earned his Commercial Driver License and
5 drove and trained many others; served on the deacon ministry,
6 culinary committee, male chorus, senior choir, and food
7 ministry; and served as a van driver and youth ministry
8 leader; and

9 WHEREAS, he loved fishing, hunting, singing,
10 driving, and cooking; affectionately known as "Chef Jackson,"
11 he enjoyed cooking for his beloved family, Red Mountain
12 Heights community, and others near and far; and

13 WHEREAS, Deacon Jackson was preceded in death by his
14 parents; brothers, Robert Mitchell, David Carlisle, and Andre
15 Jackson; and brother-in-law, Tyrone Hood; and

16 WHEREAS, he is survived by his devoted wife of 49
17 years, Martha Rea Jackson; children, Eric Jackson, Felisia
18 Jackson, and Keith Jackson (Le'Necia); grandchildren, Amber,
19 Justin, Javin, Cameron, Tre'Necia, Aaliyah, and Kayden;
20 great-daughter, Ariel; goddaughters, Catrena and Andrea;
21 sisters; godson, Eddie; Minister Linda Jackson, Doretha
22 Wilson, Brenda Hood, Tracey Jackson, and Jacqueline Duff;
23 brothers, Cornelius Jackson, Jr. (Anne), Anderson Jackson,
24 Otis Jackson (Bernice), Reggie Jackson (Porcha), Milton
25 Mitchell (Mary), and James Mitchell (Linda); aunt, Christine
26 Duff; uncle, Clifford Thomas (Irene); three sisters-in-law;

1 eight brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,
2 and extended dear family and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
4 missed, the memory of Deacon Jackson will be cherished in the
5 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Deacon William
8 Jackson is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
9 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
10 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.