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3 By Representative McClammy  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
9 TYRONE CARLTON MEANS, ESQ.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss  
12 that the news is received of the death of Tyrone C. Means,  
13 Esq., on March 16, 2022, at the age of 68 years; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Attorney Means was born on March 3, 1954,  
18 to Jerry Taft Means and Sarah Foster Means in Chicago,  
19 Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, an experienced attorney with more than 45  
21 years of legal experience, he was a founding partner of Means  
22 Gillis Law, LLC; he possessed a demonstrated history of  
23 working in the legal industry, being skilled in personal  
24 injury litigation, involving automobile wrecks and wrongful  
25 death claims, arbitration, trial practice, and legal research  
26 and had strong entrepreneurship professional skills; and

1           WHEREAS, he earned his Juris Doctor (J.D,) from The  
2 University of Kansas in 1976; he earned his Bachelor of Arts  
3 Degree from Morehouse College in Mathematics in 1974; and was  
4 a 1971 graduate of John Marshall Harlan High School in  
5 Chicago, Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Attorney Means' professional associations  
7 and memberships include the Alabama Bar Association, where he  
8 was appointed to serve on the Alabama Supreme Court Standing  
9 Committee on the Rules of Civil procedure; Kansas Bar  
10 Association, Georgia Bar Association, National Bar  
11 Association, Alabama Association of Justice, Alabama Trial  
12 Lawyers Association, Montgomery County Trial Lawyers  
13 Association, Morehouse Alumni Association, Alpha Phi Alpha  
14 Fraternity where he formerly served as National General  
15 Counsel; Prince Hall Masons where he was Grand Attorney, Grand  
16 Lodge of the State of Alabama, and a host of other  
17 organizations; and

18           WHEREAS, his awards and honors include Fellow of the  
19 Alabama Law Foundation Fellowship, First Black President of  
20 the Alabama Trial lawyers Association, 2000, Alabama Super  
21 Lawyer, Top 100 Trial lawyer in Alabama by National Trial  
22 Lawyers Association and Top 100 Trial Lawyer in Alabama by the  
23 Bar Preeminent Lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell, Martin Luther  
24 King Legacy/Leadership Award, 2011; and

25           WHEREAS, Attorney Means was a faithful and dedicated  
26 member of The Lilly Baptist Church, where he served on the  
27 Board of Trustees for many years; and

1                   WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;  
2           and

3                   WHEREAS, he was survived by his beloved wife of 43  
4           years, Mrs. Lillie B. Means; son, Jerry T. Means; daughter,  
5           Tiffany G. Means; brother, Milton Means; and a host of other  
6           relatives and friends; and

7                   WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
8           missed, the memory of Attorney Means will be cherished in the  
9           hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

10                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Tyrone Carlton  
12           Means, Esq. is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
13           is offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy  
14           to his family, whose grief is shared by many.