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HJR\_\_\_ HONORING MRS. JOSEPHINE VIOLA WALKER WALTON ON HER  
100TH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, we highly honor  
Mrs. Josephine "Jo" Walker Walton on the occasion of her  
100th Birthday on August 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton graduated from Ballard High  
School as valedictorian; earned an Associate of Arts Degree  
from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, in 1944; and  
pursued graduate study in the School of Religion at Howard  
University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton and Allen Walton were united in  
holy matrimony in Macon on June 16, 1945, and they moved to  
Tuskegee, Alabama, on June 30, 1945; their union was blessed  
with four children, eight grandchildren, nine  
great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton was initiated into Delta Sigma  
Theta Sorority, Alpha Zeta Chapter at Talladega College on  
November 15, 1941, and has remained active throughout the  
years; she is a Golden Life Member; her first term as  
President of the chapter was from 1952-1954, and her second  
term as President of the Tuskegee Alumnae Chapter was from  
1971-1974; notable accomplishments during her tenures as  
President include receiving a visit from Founder Vashti  
Turley Murphy in 1954, delegating to the National Convention



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29 in New York City in 1954, giving the Chapter's generous  
30 contribution to the American Red Cross in 1971, receiving  
31 presentation of the NAACP Life Membership Plaque to Chapter  
32 by Reverend K.L. Buford in 1972, honoring Soror Artemesia  
33 Junier as Zeta Woman of the Year with the presentation of a  
34 Chapter gift in 1973, serving as the last sponsor of The  
35 Friends of Delta and serving as President of The  
36 Interfraternal Council; and

37 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton taught in the Macon County  
38 School System for six years prior to employment at the VA  
39 Medical Center in Tuskegee as a Contract Specialist in the  
40 Procurement Section of Supply Service; she retired from the  
41 VA Medical Center after 30 years of service; and

42 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton is a very active member of St.  
43 Andrew's Episcopal Church and has served in many capacities,  
44 including organist, Church School Teacher, Guild Chairman,  
45 President of The Women of the Church, Lector, Lay  
46 Eucharistic Minister, President and Director of the Senior  
47 Choir, President of The Daughters of The King, Parish  
48 Secretary, and a member of numerous Parish committees; in  
49 addition, she has served on several Diocesan Commissions,  
50 Committees, and Councils listed in the Episcopal Lay  
51 Leadership Directory; she was the first woman of color to  
52 serve as President of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of  
53 Alabama; she received an award at the Triennial Meeting of  
54 Episcopal Church Women in 2000 as Honored Woman in Alabama  
55 for her service and ministry; in Church Women United, she  
56 served as the first Black woman in Alabama to be elected as



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57 a national officer (2nd Vice President) after having  
58 numerous leadership roles on the local, state, and regional  
59 levels; and

60 WHEREAS, some of Mrs. Walton's other achievements  
61 over the years include serving as the President of the  
62 Tuskegee-Talladega Alumni Club and receiving an award for  
63 leadership, involvement, and impact in the Tuskegee-Macon  
64 County community in celebration of Women's History Month by  
65 the AAUW and Coalition of 100 Black Women in 1995; and

66 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton's hobbies and interests include  
67 listening to music, playing the piano, reading, watching  
68 movies, playing bridge, dancing, traveling, loving people,  
69 exuding a positive attitude, and being involved in church  
70 activities; and

71 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walton's goal is to be an ambassador  
72 for Christ, Who is her anchor, her strength, her sustainer,  
73 and the center of her life; she is indeed a remarkable woman  
74 and centenarian and is deeply loved and appreciated by all  
75 who know her; now therefore,

76 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
77 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mrs. Josephine "Jo" Walker  
78 Walton is highly honored on the occasion of her 100th  
79 Birthday, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to the  
80 inspirational woman with warmest admiration and regard.