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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BISHOP TOMMY LEE WILLIAMS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on May 9, 2023, of Bishop Tommy Lee Williams; 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, Bishop Williams served as the Pastor of the Greater Deliverance Church of God, Incorporated, located on 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue in Mobile, Alabama; he was a retiree of the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, where he was the Plant Manager at the E.M. Stickney Water Filtration Plant in Mobile; he retired after 35 years and five months of service; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Williams received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues on December 10, 1982; he served faithfully as a devoted member at the Church of God Pentecostal Happy Hill under the leadership of Bishop Zackariah Moore, where he was on the Deacon Board and served as a Sunday School Teacher, the Youth Department President, a choir member, and numerous other roles; as the ministry moved to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Bishop Williams continued to support his pastor; he served on the Trustee Board, was elevated when the Lord called him to preach the Gospel, and later became an Ordained Elder and



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29 served in many capacities in his church's organization,  
30 including Treasurer and District Elder; and

31 WHEREAS, Bishop Williams was dedicated to his  
32 pastor's ministry for over 16 years before becoming the  
33 Assistant Pastor in August 1999; he then served as the  
34 Assistant Pastor for over eight years until the Lord called  
35 Bishop Moore home; Bishop Williams became Pastor on January  
36 27, 2008, and was elevated to the office of Bishop on August  
37 16, 2015; before Bishop Moore's passing, the church branched  
38 out and became Church of God Pentecostal MLK, Incorporated,  
39 and was later renamed Greater Deliverance Church of God,  
40 Incorporated; and

41 WHEREAS, Bishop Williams attended Bishop State  
42 Community College and The University of South Alabama; he  
43 earned a degree in Chemical Technology; and

44 WHEREAS, a firm believer in moving forward in the  
45 Gospel, Pastor Williams was lovingly known as the "People's  
46 Pastor"; he visited hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, Wings  
47 of Life, and other rehabilitation centers, offering prayers  
48 and encouragement and spreading the Gospel; he loved people  
49 and blessed countless lives during his time on earth; and

50 WHEREAS, Bishop Williams was preceded in death by his  
51 mother, Helen Williams; grandson, Eric "EJ" Williams, Jr.;  
52 and brothers, Nelson White, Jr., Elder George White, and  
53 Alphonse Williams; and

54 WHEREAS, Bishop Williams is survived by his loving  
55 and devoted wife of 35 years, who he married on December 19,  
56 1987, Victoria Williams; sons, Travis Williams (Bridgette)



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57 and Eric Williams (Malencia); daughter, Tiffany Williams;  
58 granddaughters, Torreigh Helen Williams, Grace Noel Elias,  
59 and Orianna Smith; spiritual mother, Clinice Hughes;  
60 godsons, Zae'Korroux Page and DayShaun Traylor; one brother;  
61 four sisters; father-in-law and mother-in-law; three  
62 brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; a host of nieces,  
63 nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends; and the  
64 Greater Deliverance Church of God, Incorporated, church  
65 family; and

66 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
67 missed, the memory of Bishop Williams will be cherished in  
68 the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

69 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
70 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Bishop Tommy Lee  
71 Williams is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
72 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt  
73 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.