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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING ELIZA JANE MANUEL AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL  
5 FOOT SOLDIERS CELEBRATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE  
6 CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and pleasure that  
9 we celebrate and remember Eliza Jane Manuel at the Fourth  
10 Annual Foot Soldiers Celebration for her lasting  
11 contributions to the Civil Rights Movement; and

12 WHEREAS, Eliza Jane Manuel was born on August 3,  
13 1925, in Minter, Alabama; as a devoted mother of nine, she  
14 always instilled in her children the importance of keeping  
15 God first and trusting in His will; and

16 WHEREAS, between 1963 and 1965, Eliza Jane Manuel  
17 took a courageous stand in the fight for voting rights,  
18 marching alongside her eldest son, Johnny, lovingly known as  
19 "Boweaver"; while Johnny would go on to complete the  
20 historic march to Montgomery, Ms. Manuel remained deeply  
21 involved in the movement; each night, she walked with her  
22 neighbors from East Selma to Brown Chapel to attend mass  
23 meetings; she also dedicated her time to the kitchen at  
24 Brown Chapel, preparing meals for the brave marchers in  
25 their fight for equality; and

26 WHEREAS, Eliza Jane Manuel deeply loved her church,  
27 Shiloh Baptist, where she faithfully served as a Sunday  
28 School teacher, usher, choir member, matron, and part of the



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29 Usher Crusaders; she was also a dedicated member of the R.D.  
30 Nesbitt Sr. Assembly #205 Order of the Golden Circle,  
31 holding esteemed positions as Past Loyal Lady Associate  
32 Ruler and Past Loyal Lady Standard Bearer; a woman of  
33 unwavering faith and compassion, she was always willing to  
34 lend a helping hand to those in need; and

35 WHEREAS, Eliza Jane Manuel demonstrated uncommon  
36 determination to pursue the right to vote and other  
37 opportunities which had been denied to African Americans  
38 through the practice of segregation; as a result of the  
39 courage and persistence of Eliza Jane Manuel and other foot  
40 soldiers, the federal government passed the Voting Rights  
41 Act of 1965 on August 6, 1965; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
43 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That at the occasion of the Fourth  
44 Annual Foot Soldiers Celebration, Eliza Jane Manuel is  
45 recognized as a formidable force during the Civil Rights  
46 Movement and is commended for her extraordinary  
47 contributions to securing the right to vote for African  
48 Americans throughout the country and in her home State of  
49 Alabama.