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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
5 PATRICIA ANN PAUL WITHERSPOON.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death of Patricia "Pat" Ann Paul Witherspoon of Brighton,
9 Alabama, on April 3, 2025, at the age of 74; her departure
10 leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many
11 friends, and the community where she was highly regarded;
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13 WHEREAS, Pat Witherspoon was born September 16, 1950,
14 to Percy and Clariece Paul in Brighton, Alabama; she was the
15 third oldest of six children; she accepted Christ at an
16 early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Brighton, where she
17 was an active member; and

18 WHEREAS, she later became a member of New Bethlehem
19 Baptist Church, Bessemer; her 27 years of dedicated service
20 to the church included: instituting the Welcome and Pastoral
21 Support ministries, expanding the Youth Department, serving
22 as Youth Director, Sunday School teacher, Usher Board,
23 Missionary Society, and choir member; she later joined First
24 Baptist Church of Brighton, where she continued to serve,
25 chair, and grow ministries; and

26 WHEREAS, her childhood education was centered in the
27 Brighton Schools; after graduating from Brighton High School
28 in 1968, she accepted a job with the Social Security



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Administration in Bessemer; she matriculated at the Alverson Draughon Business College in Birmingham, Alabama, earning an Associate's Degree and completing her studies at the Birmingham Baptist Bible College; and

WHEREAS, Pat's professionalism and work ethic granted her the opportunities to serve in various capacities which include, but are not limited to: Sales Team Supervisor of the Berry Company, in which she consistently exceeded her quota in sales; AT&T; Highland Memorial Gardens; and the Director of Jesus Christian Daycare & School; she was employed at Alabama Power Company for 27 years, serving in diverse roles such as, Human Resources, Public Relations and Advertising Specialist, Communication Specialist, and Yellow Page Advertising; she was a distinguished member of Who's Who Worldwide, the Teacher Corps, and worked with the Red Cross Blood Services, the 1996 Birmingham Olympic Soccer Organizing Committee, and the Legislative Appreciation Event, earning her the BSOC award; her most memorable moment was appearing in the Jet Magazine representing Alabama Power Company at the National Association of Black Journalists, establishing business and lasting personal relationships; and

WHEREAS, beyond her service to the church and professional capacities, Patricia lived a life of caring for everyone, with an immense love for family and her fur babies, Pooh, Ivory, and grand-dog Kassie; her capabilities allowed her to turn every negative into a positive, and her strong faith in Jesus Christ helped her persevere in



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sickness and adversity; and

WHEREAS, Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert James Hawkins and Alvin Hawkins, Jr.; she will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, LaTunya Paul; sisters, Marcia Morrow, Deloris Luster (Erwin), and LaDonna Cotton (Darryl); nieces and nephews, Romey, Emanuel, Gloria, LaShay (Lynn), Jalaya, Darryl, Jr., Kyndal, Kynidi, and Lauryn; and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Witherspoon, a consummate leader who was classy and caring, poised and passionate, elegant and eloquent, and dependable and dedicated; her unwavering love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made a profound impact on the lives she touched; she believed, "If you desire to make a difference in the world, you must be different from the world"; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Patricia Ann Paul Witherspoon is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered to her family in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones whose grief is shared by many.