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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.
5 WILLIAM MCKINLEY NORWOOD, SR.
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7 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. William McKinley Norwood, Sr. was
8 born on May 1, 1926 in Boligee, Alabama to the late Rev.
9 Sherman Norwood, Sr. and Fannie Bush Norwood. Rev. William
10 M. Norwood and his late wife, Ellen Harris Norwood, had six
11 children and have eight grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood was pastor of the Macedonia
13 Missionary Baptist Church for 71 years and on the
14 battlefield for the Lord in Ministry for 86 years; and

15 WHEREAS, He held many positions including: A Chartered
16 trustee of Selma University, Member of the Executive Board;
17 Co-Chairman of the Committee on committees of the Alabama
18 State Convention, Superintendent of the State Board of
19 Missions of the Alabama Baptist State Convention for 33
20 years, member of the Board of Directors of the National
21 Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., and Member of the Board of
22 Evangelism of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc. ;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, With 86 years of devoted service in God's
25 vineyard, Dr. Norwood has been the Pastor of the following
26 churches: Millers Baptist Church, Boligee, Alabama; Zion
27 Brush Creek Baptist Church, Eutaw, Alabama; Morning Star
28 Baptist Church, Cuba, Alabama; Bethlehem Baptist Church,



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Selma, Alabama; New Hope Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama; First Baptist Church Faunsdale, Alabama; First Baptist Church, Uniontown, Alabama; and for 71 years faithfully served the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, from 20th Street to the current edifice, built under his leadership, in Birmingham (Ensley), Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Out of all his accomplishments and accolades, Dr. Norwood was most proud of his relationship with the Lord. Spreading the gospel of Jesus was not only his mission but his life. Truly, an anointed man of God, his passion for God radiated with every word he spoke always encouraging others, both at home and abroad, even as far as Nigeria, Africa, to hear and heed God's call, changing lives and saving souls. His belief was: "Be an example. Respond to the burdens God lays upon your heart. Do only what will be pleasing to Him." Dr. Norwood always said the secret to his joy, peace and happiness was loving the Lord supremely; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend Dr. William McKinley Norwood, Sr. is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his life; this resolution is offered in highest tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.