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4 HR_____ HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CYNTHIA W.B. PILOT.
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6 WHEREAS, Cynthia W.B. Pilot, affectionately known as
7 "Burton," dedicated her life to service, advocacy, and
8 community empowerment, leaving an indelible mark on the
9 people of Alabama and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, as the first Black student at a private
11 school in Connecticut, Cynthia demonstrated courage and
12 resilience, laying the foundation for a lifetime of
13 leadership and breaking barriers; and

14 WHEREAS, her career in legal services, nonprofit
15 leadership, and civic engagement reflected her unwavering
16 commitment to justice and equity, notably through her work
17 with Legal Services of Alabama, Whatley Health Services, and
18 Community Service Programs of West Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, Cynthia played a vital role in strengthening
20 political and community networks, supporting judicial
21 candidates, lieutenant governor campaigns, and gubernatorial
22 races, and serving as Deputy District Director for
23 Congressman Artur Davis; and

24 WHEREAS, her dedication extended to critical
25 initiatives addressing domestic violence, affordable
26 housing, and community corrections, including her leadership
27 in founding the Spouse Abuse Network, her membership on
28 national boards such as NeighborWorks and CAPLAW, and her



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29 service on the Tuscaloosa Alternative Sentencing Board; and

30 WHEREAS, Cynthia's tireless commitment to improving
31 the lives of vulnerable populations was demonstrated through
32 her involvement in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America,
33 Temporary Emergency Services, and the Community Action
34 Association of Alabama; and

35 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Cynthia exemplified
36 leadership, compassion, and vision, inspiring colleagues,
37 community members, and future generations to pursue justice
38 and service with integrity; and

39 WHEREAS, Cynthia's legacy will continue to shape
40 Alabama and beyond through the countless initiatives she
41 championed, the organizations she strengthened, and the
42 lives she touched; and

43 WHEREAS, she was a devoted wife to her loving husband
44 of 39 years, Willie A. Pilot, and a cherished aunt to her
45 niece, Sontonia Stephens, as well as a source of support and
46 strength for her extended family and close friends; now
47 therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we mourn the passing of Cynthia
50 W.B. Pilot, while celebrating her remarkable contributions
51 to the legal, social, and political landscape of Alabama;
52 and her memory will be honored by continuing the work she so
53 passionately dedicated her life to, ensuring that her vision
54 for justice, equity, and community service remains a guiding
55 force for future generations.