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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.
MARGARET ANN BRELAND-BRADLEY.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Dr. Margaret Ann Breland-Bradley of Brewton, Alabama, on February 8, 2025, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, her departure leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the communities in Alabama and New York where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Ann Breland was born on September 19, 1947, to Milton Homer Breland and Ruby Clyde Preyer; she was the oldest sibling of four sisters and seven brothers; it was during her childhood that she knew that she wanted to be an educator, frequently tutoring her brothers and sisters; she was an honor roll student and a graduate of Southern Normal School, Class of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Breland married her high school sweetheart, Charlie Bradley, Jr.; the couple moved to New York and she embarked on her higher education journey; she earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1971, a Master of Education with a focus on Reading in 1974, and an Educational Leadership School District Administration degree in 1977, all from Queens College; and she earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Gifted Education from Columbia University in 1990; and



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29 WHEREAS, as an educator, Dr. Bradley touched the
30 lives of many students and mentored many young teachers;
31 from 1972 to 1998, she advanced from special education
32 teacher to special education coordinator, assistant
33 principal, principal, and community superintendent of
34 schools in New York City Public Schools; she accepted a
35 position as principal of P.S. 223 Queens, where she made an
36 impact on students, teachers, and families; she brought a
37 culture of excellence and learning to the school, winning
38 over the faculty and teaching students to believe in
39 themselves through the practice of daily positive
40 affirmations; the school became known for its Multicultural
41 Program that she pioneered; she shined as a brilliant and
42 effective leader; and

43 WHEREAS, Dr. Bradley returned to Brewton and was the
44 first woman and African American to be appointed
45 Superintendent of Schools for the Escambia County Board of
46 Education, serving from 1998 to 2000; when she moved home,
47 it was with the goal of reopening the Southern Normal School
48 as the Brewton Campus of Alabama State University, which she
49 accomplished and served as its Chief Executive Officer from
50 2002 to 2006; she developed and administered the programs at
51 the new campus, including after-school and Saturday
52 enrichment programs for K-12 students and professional
53 development programs for teachers and school administrators;
54 she attained funding and developed a Principals Center for
55 local and Black Belt counties in Alabama; and instituted
56 many more programs; and



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57 WHEREAS, Dr. Bradley was predeceased by her parents;
58 stepfather, Joseph Henry Washington, Sr.; husband; and
59 brothers, Charles Washington and Dwayne Breland; she will be
60 lovingly remembered by her children, Charles Terrance
61 Bradley and Kwana Makeisha Bradley; brothers and sisters;
62 and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, colleagues,
63 and friends; and

64 WHEREAS, Dr. Bradley was a lifetime member of Delta
65 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and a member of the Lily
66 Chapter #592, Order of the Eastern Star; although her joyful
67 presence will be greatly missed, the memory of Margaret Ann
68 Breland-Bradley will be cherished in the hearts of all who
69 knew and loved her; now therefore,

70 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
71 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Margaret Ann
72 Breland-Bradley is recorded with deep sadness, and this
73 resolution is offered to her family in tribute to her life
74 and with heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones whose grief is
75 shared by many.

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