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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROSE CECELIA SMITH WILLIAMS.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow, we note the passing of Rose Cecelia Smith Williams, a lifelong resident of Mobile, Alabama, on March 11, 2026, while we also celebrate her long, fulfilling life that ended at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, her life was a blessing, and she will be lovingly remembered by the countless lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, born on September 7, 1945, Rose was a graduate of Cedar Grove Academy and Carver State Technical College, now Bishop State Community College's Carver Campus, where she studied secretarial science; she enjoyed working with students at Mobile County Training School, The Jewish Community Center, and Online Alternative; Rose also was the owner and proprietor of Music World, one of Mobile's first Black-owned record and album companies located in the Toulminville community, before relocating to Wilson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Rose was preceded in death by her mother, Rose Marie Norwood Smith Jones; father, William H. Smith, Sr.; stepfather, Samuel L. Jones; stepmother, Geraldine Lee Jones; bonus sister, Carolyn Lee Ezell; brothers, Kenneth Jones, Sr. and Francee Jones; and the loving husbands and fathers of her children, Lamar R. Hill, Jr. and Maynard H.



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29 "Ricky" Williams; and

30 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory include her
31 loving and devoted children, Sonya Hill Roberts and Roderick
32 H. Williams; grandchildren, Kayla Marie Williams, Roderick
33 H. Williams II, and Jade Ari' Roberts; devoted and loving
34 brothers and sister, William H. Smith, Jr., Representative
35 Sam Jones, and Gloria J. Sterling; bonus sister, Beverly
36 Williams (Willie); sister-in-law, Sandra W. Jones; special
37 lifelong friends, Shirley Seals and Lois Parker; five
38 great-grandchildren; many loving nieces and nephews;
39 god-daughters; and a host of other relatives and friends too
40 numerous to name; and

41 WHEREAS, Rose not only loved those she encountered,
42 but she demonstrated the power of her love in ways that were
43 truly felt and received by all; Rose was very sociable, and
44 she loved to travel, dance, eat, and dress up; most of all,
45 she loved the Lord and was devoted to her faith; and

46 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
47 missed, the memory of Rose Williams will be cherished in the
48 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
50 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Rose Cecelia Smith
51 Williams is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
52 her death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate her
53 faith, kindness, and spirit, which will remain a lasting
54 inspiration, carried forward by the family she cherished so
55 dearly.