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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EDDIE REED.

WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened to learn of the death of Eddie Reed, former Mayor of Jemison, Alabama, and we uplift his life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Reed, born May 30, 1945, transitioned on March 16, 2026, at the age of 80, following a distinguished and historic career in public service; and

WHEREAS, he stands as the longest-serving elected official in Chilton County history, dedicating an extraordinary 49 years to public service, including his tenure as Mayor of Jemison from 2004 until October 2025; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he made history as the first African American elected to public office in Chilton County, marking the beginning of his service on the Jemison City Council and paving the way for future generations of leaders; and

WHEREAS, throughout his decades of service, he was widely respected for his steady leadership, integrity, and love for the City of Jemison, consistently working to strengthen the community and improve the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, beyond his official duties, he was a pillar



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29 of the community and a devoted servant of God, whose
30 leadership, faith, and service left a lasting legacy in the
31 lives of all who knew him; and

32 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents,
33 Curtis and Ola Mae Reed; and his beloved wife, Clarissa; and

34 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his siblings,
35 Joe Reed (Willie Mae), Mary Reed, Barbara Singletary
36 (Robert), Samuel Reed (Julia), Sandra Reed, Vera Jones
37 (Arthur), Randy Reed, and Phyllis Richardson (Larry); and a
38 host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and

39 WHEREAS, that even as we mourn the passing of former
40 Mayor Eddie Reed, we give thanks to God for his life and his
41 service to the community, and we joyously celebrate his
42 life; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
45 Eddie Reed, we are extremely grateful for his abundant life,
46 and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his
47 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and
48 friends.