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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING CATHERINE SARAH DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF  
HER 104TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

WHEREAS, heartiest felicitations are herein proudly  
presented to Catherine Sarah Davis on the occasion of her  
104th Birthday Celebration; and

WHEREAS, born April 18, 1922, in Vincent, Alabama,  
Catherine Davis is a remarkable woman whose life reflects  
more than a century of faith, perseverance, and service; the  
beloved daughter of Dera and Ernest Hamilton, she was raised  
in an era when hard work and determination were essential;  
from an early age, she embodied these values, laboring in  
cotton fields at seven and later serving her family and  
community through various employments; and

WHEREAS, her strong work ethic continued into  
adulthood, exemplifying dedication and resilience; as a  
teenager, she worked in a doctor's office performing  
custodial duties; in her twenties, she was employed in a  
beauty shop; in her thirties, she began a long career in  
health care support services; she worked for 10 years at  
Crittenton Hospital and later spent 25 years as Housekeeping  
Supervisor at Sinai Hospital before retiring; even in  
retirement, her commitment to service endured, as she  
returned for three additional years at Detroit Osteopathic  
Hospital; in later years, she devoted herself to caregiving,



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29 including lovingly supporting a special woman, a role she  
30 regarded as a blessing; and

31 WHEREAS, faith is the cornerstone of Catherine  
32 Davis's life; in 1955, she joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church,  
33 where she served faithfully for more than 50 years; her  
34 contributions include serving as a Deaconess, choir member,  
35 and active participant in numerous ministries and church  
36 boards; she was also a member of the Christian Women League  
37 and served on the culinary committee, preparing meals and  
38 supporting church events and fellowship; and

39 WHEREAS, her devotion and leadership were recognized  
40 in 1973 when she was named Michigan Chronicle Church Woman  
41 of the Year; in 2007, she was honored as a "Living Legend"  
42 by Mt. Olive Baptist Church; she continues her service as a  
43 member of the Mother's Board at Transformation Christian  
44 Church under the leadership of Pastor Harold H. Cadwell,  
45 giving all glory and praise to God for His sustaining grace;  
46 and

47 WHEREAS, Catherine's life is deeply rooted in love  
48 and family; on September 12, 1937, at only 15 years old, she  
49 married the love of her life, Elijah Davis; their marriage  
50 lasted 43 years until his passing in 1980, and she continues  
51 to honor his memory with enduring love and gratitude;  
52 together, they welcomed a son, Le Oscar Davis, and lovingly  
53 raised a daughter, Maggie; and

54 WHEREAS, Mrs. Catherine Davis has witnessed and  
55 participated in pivotal moments in American history; in  
56 1963, she marched in downtown Detroit alongside Dr. Martin



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57 Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement, standing  
58 on the front lines of the fight for justice and equality;  
59 and

60 WHEREAS, beyond her work and service, Catherine is  
61 known for her vibrant personality and joyful spirit; she  
62 enjoys bowling and treasures memories such as getting her  
63 first color television in 1950 and receiving a brand new  
64 1961 black Ford LTD; her favorite color is pink, her  
65 favorite Bible verse is Psalm 91, and her favorite hymn is  
66 "Down Through the Years," a fitting reflection of her life's  
67 journey; and

68 WHEREAS, as she celebrates 104 years, Mrs. Catherine  
69 Davis stands as a living testament to strength, faith, and  
70 abiding grace, inspiring all who are privileged to know her;  
71 now therefore,

72 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
73 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Catherine Sarah Davis is  
74 celebrated on her 104th Birthday, and this resolution is  
75 offered to her in highest tribute, as well as with sincere  
76 best wishes for the future.