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HR_____ CELEBRATING SIDNEY MAE BROWN BURKS ON THE OCCASION OF
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

WHEREAS, heartiest felicitations are proudly
presented to Sidney Mae Brown Burks on the occasion of her
100th Birthday Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Mae Brown Burks was born on April 16,
1926, in Talladega County, Alabama, to Robert and Sarah
Brown; she was raised during an era marked by significant
challenges and change in American history, and from an early
age developed the strength, resilience, and faith that would
define her life; and

WHEREAS, she spent her formative years in Alpine,
Alabama, and later lived in Youngstown, Ohio; Huntsville,
Alabama; and finally, Mobile, Alabama, where she ultimately
settled and built her life, family, and legacy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burks pursued her education with
dedication, graduating from Talladega County Training High
School before matriculating to Alabama A&M University; and

WHEREAS, following college, she began her
professional career serving as a teacher for three years at
Dawes Union School in Mobile; she later worked as a clerk at
Brookley Air Force Base for several years, contributing her
talents during an important period in the nation's history;
and



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29 WHEREAS, an accomplished entrepreneur, Mrs. Burks,
30 alongside her husband, owned and operated several successful
31 businesses; together, they managed gas stations,
32 coin-operated laundromats, a taxi company, convenience
33 stores, and rental properties; through hard work,
34 determination, and business acumen, they created
35 opportunities not only for their family but also for their
36 community; and

37 WHEREAS, she was blessed to marry the love of her
38 life, William L. Burks, Jr., on September 2, 1947; they
39 remained devoted to one another for nearly 60 years until
40 his passing in April 2007; they built a strong and loving
41 family and raised four children, Joycelyn Burks Love, Mona
42 Burks Spencer, William L. Burks III, and Fredrick Burks;
43 Mrs. Burks' legacy continues through the lives of her eight
44 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom have
45 been shaped by her love, guidance, and example; and

46 WHEREAS, a woman of deep faith and commitment, Mrs.
47 Burks has been a devoted member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church
48 #1 since 1948; her lifelong involvement in her church
49 reflects her unwavering spiritual foundation and dedication
50 to service; and

51 WHEREAS, she is an active and respected member of
52 several distinguished organizations, including Alpha Kappa
53 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; The Links, Incorporated; E.T.
54 Belsaw Women's Federated Club; Alabama A&M University Alumni
55 Association; the Lady Midnight Mystics; and Jack and Jill of
56 America; through these affiliations, she has contributed to



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57 civic engagement, community development, and the uplifting
58 of others; and

59 WHEREAS, as she celebrates 100 years, Sidney Mae
60 Brown Burks exemplifies perseverance, faith, leadership, and
61 service; her life stands as a testament to the power of
62 dedication to family, community, and purpose, and her
63 enduring legacy continues to inspire all who know her; now
64 therefore,

65 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
66 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Sidney Mae Brown Burks is
67 honored on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, and this
68 resolution is offered in highest tribute, along with sincere
69 best wishes for her continued well-being.