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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DONALD
5 JONES.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 passing of Mr. Donald Jones, while we also celebrate his
9 life as a devoted Christian; a beloved husband, father, and
10 grandfather; and a valuable member of his community; and

11 WHEREAS, the youngest of 10 children, Donald Jones
12 was born to Jesse Jones, Sr. and Vandella Jones; Donald
13 accepted Christ at an early age and became an active member
14 of First Missionary Baptist Church of Hueytown; and

15 WHEREAS, Donald was a 1968 graduate of Westfield High
16 School, where he enjoyed playing the drums in the marching
17 band; following graduation, he attended Bessemer Technical
18 College and later joined the United States Air Force; and

19 WHEREAS, after completing his military service, he
20 worked for 37 years at U.S. Steel Corporation in Fairfield,
21 until his retirement; Donald was also the owner and producer
22 of Jones Upholstery, where he became known for his excellent
23 work; and

24 WHEREAS, Donald married his lovely wife, Minnie
25 Worley, in 1976; they became proud parents and later enjoyed
26 life as grandparents; Donald remained dedicated to his faith
27 throughout his life, serving as a Sunday School teacher,
28 trustee, president of the senior usher board, and member of

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29 the male chorus; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Donald was
31 preceded in death by his siblings, Gertie Mae, Lee Thomas,
32 Dicie Ann, Willie Claude, Jesse, Jr., Alfonza, and Wendell;
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34 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memories are his loving
35 wife; son, Donovan Lamar (Valencia); grandson, Donovan, Jr.;
36 granddaughter, Victoria; brother, Norman; brothers-in-law,
37 Jerome McFadden (LeSeanda) and Raymond Jiles;
38 sisters-in-law, Mattie Jones and Barbara Banks Jones; and a
39 host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

40 WHEREAS, Donald Jones's reputation and legacy were
41 built on a lifetime of compassion, service, and unwavering
42 commitment to others; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Donald Jones
45 is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his
46 death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his
47 faith, kindness, and spirit, which will remain a lasting
48 inspiration, carried forward by the family he cherished so
49 dearly.