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SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. SHIRLEY ANN ROSS.

WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of Mrs. Shirley Ann Ross of Montgomery, Alabama, whose passing on February 7, 2026, has left a void in the lives of her family and friends; wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and devoted friend, Mrs. Ross was known for her gentle nature, generosity, and dedication to serving others; and

WHEREAS, born on May 23, 1945, in Mauvilla, Alabama, to the late Reverend James and Lettice Rice, Mrs. Shirley Ann Ross accepted Christ at an early age at Mount Olive Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, she graduated as valedictorian of her class from Rosa A. Lott School in Mobile, Alabama, in 1963, and continued her education at Alabama State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, cum laude, in 1968; and

WHEREAS, she furthered her studies at Oakland University in Michigan, where she earned a master's degree in Reading, strengthening her preparation for a lifelong career in education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross devoted more than 35 years to the Pontiac School District in Michigan, serving as a teacher, librarian, and media center specialist at Will Rogers,



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29 Malcolm, and Herrington Elementary Schools, where her
30 dedication to learning and literacy left a lasting impact on
31 students and the community; and

32 WHEREAS, following her retirement from education, she
33 returned to Alabama, settling in Montgomery, where she
34 continued a life of service through volunteer work at the
35 Information Help Desk at Baptist Medical Center South; and

36 WHEREAS, she remained deeply devoted to her alma
37 mater, Alabama State University, and took great pleasure in
38 supporting its programs and attending campus events,
39 particularly athletic competitions; and

40 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross was known for her love of reading,
41 writing, travel, and gardening, as well as her generous
42 spirit and readiness to assist others, never meeting a
43 stranger and earning the respect and affection of all who
44 knew her; and

45 WHEREAS, she lived by the guiding principle that one
46 should live simply so that others may simply live, a
47 philosophy reflected in her lifelong commitment to service,
48 kindness, and education; and

49 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband,
50 Quinton T. Ross, Sr.; granddaughter, Katelyn Nicole
51 Toussaint; parents, Reverend James and Lettice Rice;
52 brothers, Clyde Rice (Veronica), Edmond Rice (Velma), Gene
53 Rice (Charlotte); and sisters, Janice Sims, Jamesetta Mose
54 (Renard), Carolyn Davis (David); and

55 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are three loving
56 and devoted children, Quinton "JK" Ross, Jr., Ursula Ross,



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57 and Quintlon Ross (Jia); grandchildren, Quinmari Ross (Kayla
58 Otis), Quaeshun Ross (Ja'lyn), Myles Ross, Quinton T. Ross
59 III, Graysen Ross, and Nadia Carthone; six
60 great-grandchildren; trusted and faithful friend, Tania
61 Gilbert; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

62 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross was a valued member of the
63 community and loved by many; her service to others and her
64 passion for life will be remembered fondly; we join with
65 others to celebrate her life and to mourn her death;
66 although her presence will be greatly missed, her memory
67 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
68 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

69 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
70 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Shirley
71 Ann Ross is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
72 her death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate her
73 life; this resolution is offered in highest tribute, along
74 with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared
75 by many.