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3 By Representative Rogers  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.  
9 CLEOPHUS LAMARR BROWN, JR.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 passing of Mr. Cleophus Lamarr Brown, Jr., and we uplift his  
13 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;  
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15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Brown leaves a void in  
16 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire  
17 community, where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born to the union of Mr.  
19 Cleophus Brown, Sr., and Mrs. Alberta Brown on August 1, 1956;  
20 he accepted Christ into his life as a child and united with  
21 the St. John A.M.E. Zion Church; in later years, he also  
22 visited the Shady Grove Baptist Church; and

23 WHEREAS, a member of the 1974 graduating class of  
24 Mortimer Jordan High School, Mr. Brown served with much honor  
25 in the United States Army and the reserve for six years; he  
26 was a dedicated employee for many years at Dexter and Gregg,  
27 Co. Inc.; and

1           WHEREAS, his precious memory is held dear by his  
2 daughter, April Watters; son, Christopher Watters;  
3 stepdaughter, Natisha (Cornelius) Burrow; granddaughter,  
4 Tytionna Watters; five sisters, Jeannette Jones, Lynne Johnson  
5 (Stevie), Tanya Davis, MaShunda Davis, and Latarsha Jones; six  
6 brothers, Michael Reed, James Ellis, Lyndon Fitzgerald Brown,  
7 Randy Jones, Wendell Coleman, and Ceophus Davis; special  
8 uncles and aunts, Arthur (Doris) Threadgill, Teresa Alexander,  
9 and Kenneth (Mary) Alexander; great uncle, Roy (Nancy) Gavins;  
10 special cousins, Pamela Threadgill, Arthur Henderson, and  
11 Michael Gates; god-aunts and uncles, Connie Golsby, Beverly  
12 Marshall (Tony), and Clanford Alexander; a special lady  
13 friend, Tracy Hill; special longtime friends, Michael Johnson,  
14 Roland Jones, Walter Williams, and Robert Alford; and a host  
15 of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends;  
16 he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, George  
17 and Nancy Threadgill; paternal grandparents, Mack and Alberta  
18 Townsend and Frank Alexander; brother, Barry Keith Gray;  
19 sister, Sophia Davis Harris; and aunt, Deloise Ray; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a valued member of the  
21 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory  
22 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
23 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

24           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
26 Mr. Cleophus Lamarr Brown, Jr., we are extremely grateful for  
27 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest

1       tribute to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his  
2       family and friends.