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8 HONORING MRS. BERTHA BASS FOX ON THE OCCASION OF HER
9 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Mrs. Bertha Bass Fox on the momentous occasion of
13 her 100th Birthday Celebration; and

14 WHEREAS, an exceptional woman of unwavering faith,
15 Mrs. Fox was one of seven children born to the union of the
16 late Tolman and Mazie Bass on August 23, 1916, in Gainestown,
17 Alabama, and is the only surviving sibling; at an early age,
18 she accepted Christ into her heart and was baptized at County
19 Line Baptist Church; in the early 1950s, she attended
20 Cosmetology School in Gulfport, Mississippi, and she earned
21 her diploma as a practical nurse in 1965; and

22 WHEREAS, upon returning to her beloved Jackson in
23 1964, she became a member of the New St. Matthew Baptist
24 Church, where she is the oldest living member; she and her
25 sister, Mrs. Ollie Johnson, served as church ushers for many
26 years; although she now lives in Mississippi, she continues to

1 provide financial support to the church and pray for its
2 leadership and congregation; and

3 WHEREAS, her life beautifully exemplifies the work
4 of the Master Designer, Jesus Christ, and she is quick to
5 provide the reminder that God will never leave nor forsake
6 mankind; she can praise the Lord unlike any other with faith
7 in his provision and steadfast adherence to His Word; and

8 WHEREAS, at one point, Mrs. Fox served as the "press
9 and curl" beautician within the community; she served as a
10 compassionate caregiver for her sister, Ollie; in June 2006,
11 she went to live in Jackson, Mississippi, with her beloved
12 daughter, Clara "Von" Williams, who considers her mother's
13 presence an absolute joy and blessing; Mrs. Fox is known for
14 saying, "you can have your Jackson, Mississippi, but I will
15 take my Jackson, Alabama"; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fox is passionate about voting in
17 elections; she proudly shares with others how she voted for
18 President Barack Obama; those in her life understand the
19 extent of her admiration for President Barack Obama, and she
20 often receives gifts with his name or picture on them; and

21 WHEREAS, a celebration will be held in Mrs. Fox's
22 honor in Jackson, Mississippi, in August 2016, and a second
23 celebration will be held in Jackson, Alabama, on September 17,
24 2016, at New Saint Matthew Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; a
25 100th Birthday Celebration is a significant milestone that
26 represents a century's worth of wisdom earned and memories
27 gained and is a cause for great rejoicing; it is a tremendous

1 privilege to recognize a remarkable lady such as Mrs. Bertha
2 Bass Fox on her special day; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Bertha Bass Fox is
5 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
6 to her in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for
7 continued happiness, blessings, and prosperity.