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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND CHARLES A. LETT, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Reverend Charles A.
11 Lett, Jr., with deep sadness and regret; his immeasurable life
12 is commended and celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Reverend Charles A. Lett,
14 Jr., leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many
15 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly
16 regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, a native of Florida, he was the son of the
18 late Charles A. Lett, Sr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Lett; shortly
19 after his birth, he and his family moved to Pennsylvania,
20 where he spent his first few years; after the death of his
21 grandfather, his family moved to Alabama settling in Mobile
22 and Daphne; "Little Charlie," as he was affectionately called,
23 spent his early school years in Daphne; at an early age, he
24 heard and accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Lett received Bachelor of Arts and
26 Bachelor of Divinity Degrees from Selma University and a

1 certificate to teach in public schools from Alabama State
2 Teachers College; and

3 WHEREAS, he taught in Baldwin County for ten years,
4 part of which time he served as principal of the Douglasville
5 High School in Bay Minette, Alabama; he taught at Selma
6 University and later received the Doctor of Divinity Degree;
7 finally, he was a recipient of a Doctor of Laws Degree; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Lett pastored churches in Baldwin,
9 Monroe, and Escambia Counties; then he pastored the Green
10 Street Baptist Church in Selma, which was completely renovated
11 and refurbished under his pastorate; his spiritual guidance
12 played a significant role in many lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Lett devotedly served as Pastor
14 Emeritus of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Selma,
15 where the Lord greatly blessed his work; and

16 WHEREAS, he served in numerous capacities including
17 as member and President of the Selma City School Board,
18 President of the local NAACP, a member of Selma University's
19 Charter Board of Trustees, President of Selma Interracial
20 Alliance, Chaplin of Selma City Council, President of
21 Southwest District State Convention, lifetime member of the
22 NAACP, a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President
23 of Citizens Federal Bank in Birmingham, Alabama, Co-chairman
24 of the Conference of Grand Chapters Prince Hall Affiliated,
25 Grand Worthy Patron Mizpah of the Grand Chapter Order of
26 Eastern Star, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Baptist State

1 Convention, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Selma
2 University; and

3 WHEREAS, notably, Reverend Lett received the 2006
4 Rotary Club Citizen of the Year Award; and

5 WHEREAS, he was married to the late and former Miss
6 Minnie Thomas, and he was the proud father of two sons,
7 William Cedric and Charles Lebarron; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Lett was a valued member of the
9 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
10 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
11 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
14 Reverend Charles A. Lett, Jr., we are immensely grateful for
15 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
16 tribute to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his
17 family and friends.