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3 By Representative Hollis  
4 RFD:  
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MASTER SERGEANT JESSE REED.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on February 2, 2022, of Master Sergeant Jesse Reed of Birmingham, Alabama, at the age of 89 years; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Reed was born on July 24, 1932, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Delia Reed and Robert Brown, Sr.; he was one of six children born to that union; and

WHEREAS, he confessed Christ at an early age at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Birmingham; he was a proud graduate of A.H. Parker Industrial High School, Class of 1950; he enlisted in the United States Army where he served 22 years; his service included numerous roles where he diligently applied his leadership skills in efforts to establish the best training programs within his engineering groups; Master Sergeant Reed retired with full military distinguished medals of honor; and

1           WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Reed was employed through  
2 the Norfolk Southern Railroad as a Switchman and quickly moved  
3 to Conductor/Clerk; in 1993, he retired from Norfolk Southern  
4 Railroad; and

5           WHEREAS, on November 1, 1949, Master Sergeant Reed  
6 married the love of his life, Margaret Carmichael; this union  
7 was blessed with five children, Yvonne, Jesse G., Erroll,  
8 Mark, and Yvette; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his  
10 beloved wife; devoted mother, Deia Reed; all of his siblings;  
11 and three of his best friends, Sergeant (Retired) Charles  
12 Jones, Ronald Cardwell, and Ernest Smiley; and

13           WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Yvonne I.  
14 Reed, Jesse G. Reed, Erroll K. Reed (Janjia), Mark D. Reed  
15 (Kecia), Yvette S. Reed; grandchildren, Erica Walker (Jimmy),  
16 Sharon Reed, Kendrick Reed, Torria Walker, Rahji Reed (Molly),  
17 Tanaye Heard (Lewis II), Brandi Reed, and Marcus Reed;  
18 great-grandchildren, Malik, Victoria, Lauryn, Braylon,  
19 Isaiyah, Ivynn, Evan, and Nahji; brother-in-law, Albert  
20 Carmichael; godsons, Maury Toyer, Aundre Arrington, Byron  
21 Seals, and Bandy Smiley; best friend, Kermit Seals; and a host  
22 of other relatives and friends; and

23           WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
24 missed, the memory of Master Sergeant Jesse Reed will be  
25 cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now  
26 therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Master Sergeant  
3           Jesse Reed is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
4           is offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy  
5           to his family, whose grief is shared by many.