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HR _____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. ALMA FREEMAN.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on February 27, 2023, of Dr. Alma Freeman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman was born in LaFayette, Alabama, in Chambers County; she graduated from Chambers County Training School in 1959 and from Alabama State University (ASU) in 1963; she received her Master of Arts Degree in English from Ohio State University and her Doctorate in Education in English and Humanities from Rutgers University in New Jersey; she received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for postgraduate study in modern fiction at Yale University and a Ford Foundation Fellowship for postgraduate study in African American literature at the University of Pennsylvania; she was also awarded a Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship for a summer study tour in Egypt; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman taught English at Chambers County Training School before joining the Alabama State University faculty in 1968; at Alabama State University, she taught English and humanities courses and served as Dean of University College; she retired from Alabama State University in 1997, and returned to ASU in 2003, to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman was a plaintiff in the historic



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29 Knight v. Alabama Desegregation Lawsuit, which proved that
30 Alabama's long history of segregation had adversely affected
31 postsecondary educational opportunities of African American
32 citizens; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman was the author of several
34 articles and was actively involved in and made presentations
35 and speeches for numerous professional and community
36 organizations; her professional and civic affiliations,
37 activities, service and awards include the following:

38 Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts(Board of
39 Directors, humanities scholar); Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity
40 Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts; Leadership Montgomery Class
41 VIII; Civilian Guest of Air War College; Girl Scouts of
42 Central Alabama Woman of Distinction Award; National
43 Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
44 Presidential Citation; Association of Alabama College
45 Administrators and Alabama Association for Women in
46 Education Exemplary Service Award; and

47 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
48 missed, the memory of Dr. Freeman will be cherished in the
49 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Alma Freeman
52 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
53 offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy
54 to her family, whose grief is shared by many.