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HR \_\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIE FRANK BROWN, JR.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on January 5, 2024, of Mr. Willie Frank Brown, Jr. at the age of 91 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, Mr. Brown was born on December 7, 1932, in Wetumpka, Alabama, to Willie F. Brown, Sr. and Ida Mae Foster Brown; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of George Washington Carver High School, Class of 1955; he was also a graduate of Gadsden Technical College where he was certified as an Auto Mechanic and of Gadsden State where he was certified in Welding Technology; he earned 150 accreditation hours for State and County Government at Auburn University; he was the first Black person to become a Shop Foreman for the Etowah County Road Department and retired after 34 years of service; later, he served 10 years as the Etowah County Commissioner of District 5 in Gadsden, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age; he served as Chairman of Deacons and President of the Male Choir at Shiloh Baptist Church; he was a member of Gethsemane Lodge #27, F&AM, member of Khedive Temple #16



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29 (Shriners), United Supreme Council, and Grand Inspector  
30 General 33, Washington, D.C.; and was inducted into the  
31 Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for his outstanding  
32 service to his community; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his  
34 parents; wife, Alice Brown; sisters, Lovely Pearl and Janie  
35 Mae; brother, Robert; granddaughter, Robbyn; and a special  
36 friend, Bertha Brown; and

37 WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Willie Brown  
38 III (Ester), Vallery Brown, Timothy Brown (Sharon), Sheila  
39 Jones (Lonnie), Deverett Hill, and Everett Hill (Sharon  
40 Marbry); 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; two  
41 great-great-grandchildren; honorary son, Honorable Craig  
42 Ford; special friends, Willene Wallace, Perry Guin, Jonathan  
43 Rhodes, and numerous friends in the 310th Chemical Company;  
44 and a host of other relatives and friends; and

45 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
46 missed, the memory of Mr. Brown will be cherished in the  
47 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Willie Frank  
50 Brown, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
51 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
52 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
53 many.

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