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3 By Representative Colston
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. SALLIE MAE BROWN JONES.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mrs. Sallie Mae Brown Jones of Lowndes
12 County, Alabama, at the age of 87 years; and

13 WHEREAS, born on August 10, 1923, she was the
14 daughter of Wash and Margaret Mack Brown and joined Macedonia
15 Baptist Church at an early age after moving to Fort Deposit;
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17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones worked for Fortex Manufacturing
18 Company in Fort Deposit for 25 years, where she played an
19 integral role in organizing a union during the Civil Rights
20 Movement, one of the first organized unions in Lowndes County;
21 she was an advocate and committed member of the Lowndes County
22 Christian Movement and the Black Panther Party; and

23 WHEREAS, she and her husband were among the few
24 parents who sent their high school children to the all-white
25 Lowndes County High School in 1965, and they also campaigned
26 for the first Black candidates who ran for political office in

1 Lowndes County, including helping elect its first
2 African-American County Administrator and other officials; and

3 WHEREAS, through the years, she continued to work
4 tirelessly and selflessly for her church, community, and local
5 schools, and she will be remembered for her commitment to
6 justice and freedom for all; and

7 WHEREAS, she is survived by her children: Lula
8 (Donnie) Body, Mattie Bell Jones, Marguerite Jones, Rosie Mae
9 Jones, Annie Jewel Jones, Olivia Jones, Lueretha (Norman)
10 Slack, Jacquelyn (Willie Gene, Sr.) Thomas, Andrea Jean Jones,
11 Annie Lee Jones, Kennedy (Elaine) Jones, and Sharon Jones; a
12 nephew whom she reared as a son, Bill Jones; one goddaughter,
13 Lisa Middleton; 11 grandchildren: Omar (Tamara) Harris, Willie
14 G. Thomas, Jr., George Williams, Shana Thomas, Kenda Jones,
15 Andreas Kennedy Jones, Shanell Scott, Keldrick Williams,
16 Artavia Williams, Maxwell Kesselly, Jr., and Rodneisha Hayes;
17 two great-grandchildren, Omar Harris, II, and Alyssa Williams;
18 sister-in-law, Rosie Brown; three aunts; and a host of other
19 relatives and close friends; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was a valued member of the
21 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
22 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
23 were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Sallie Mae
26 Brown Jones is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution

1 is offered in highest tribute to her life, along with
2 heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.