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3 By Representative Rogers
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. TALMADGE STEVENS OWENS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 27, 2020, of Mrs. Talmadge Stevens Owens, at the age of 84; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens was born on July 13, 1935, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Minnie Cooley Stevens and O.C. Stevens, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and was baptized at Galilee Baptist Church in Grasselli Heights in Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving her high school diploma, she attended The University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens was a beloved resident and pillar of the Riley-Travellick Community; she served as the Riley Community Association Neighborhood President for several years; provided her community with the first free lunch

1 program for children; and organized and coached Riley's first
2 boys baseball team; in addition, she was a board member on the
3 PTA for Riley Elementary; a board member for the United
4 Community Center, Incorporated; and an honorary member of the
5 Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Zeta
6 AMI CAE of Birmingham; she also worked with The University of
7 Alabama at Birmingham Division of Preventive Medicine in
8 Women's Care, served as a devoted activist on social issues
9 within the City of Birmingham, and was a faithful member of
10 Woodland Park Church of Christ; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens was married to her husband,
12 Joseph Owens, for 35 years; and

13 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;
14 sisters, Francis Clark, Earnestine Marzett, and Paulette
15 Stevens; and children, Melvin Owens, Stacey O. Gamble, and
16 Eric Owens; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens is survived by her brother, O.C.
18 Stevens, Jr.; children, Brenda O. Williams, Jo Ann O.
19 Singleton, Beverly O. Ochuba, Enola O. Patton, and Walter J.
20 Owens; grandchildren, Vincetta Williams, Shanequea Bonner,
21 Tariq R. Owens (Janelle), Tonya Ates, Jacqueline Singleton,
22 Eboni Owens, Naica O. Moore (Kevin), Jamel Owens, LaCresha Lee
23 (Jeremy), Justin Gamble, Andre'lyn Williams, Dominique Owens,
24 Ashley Singleton, Evander Gamble, Alexander Gamble, Alexis
25 Means, Gabrielle Blair, and Joshua Blair; honorary
26 granddaughter, Sacoria McMillion; great-grandchildren,
27 Jocquinn Williams, Ray'Vin Bates, Tarig J. Owens, V. Taja

1 Owens, Tautyanna Owens, Quentin Bates, Jaiden Paul, Talohr
2 Ates, Jeromy Paul, Tyre Owens, Jereimah Lee, Tristan Ates,
3 Sariah Lee, Tyler Charles, Kaiden Moore, Tyrus Owens, Tyus
4 Owens, Huey Gamble, and Tiana Ates; and a host of nieces,
5 nephews, cousins, church members, and friends; and

6 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
7 missed, the memory of Mrs. Owens will be cherished in the
8 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Talmadge
11 Stevens Owens is recorded with deep sadness, and this
12 resolution is offered in tribute to her life, along with
13 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
14 many.