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3   By Representatives Moore (M), Hollis, Sellers, Givan

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4   HR____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARRY

5   GIDDENS.

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7   WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the

8   death of Harry Giddens of Birmingham, Alabama, on February

9   27, 2024, at the age of 87; and

10   WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of

11   his loving family, many friends, and the entire community

12   where he was highly regarded; and

13   WHEREAS, Harry Giddens was born on September 7, 1936;

14   on November 26, 1977, he married Sharon F. Giddens and five

15   daughters were born to that holy union; and

16   WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens worked for the United States

17   Postal Service until he retired in 1995; he devoted a

18   lifetime to committed community engagement; he served 40

19   years as President of Brownsville Heights Neighborhood

20   Association; 32 years as President of the Airport Hills

21   community; nine years on the Neighborhoods USA Board on

22   Resource Development; and on the Airport Authority Board;

23   and

24   WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens, with former Councilwoman Maxine

25   Parker, spearheaded the drive to purchase the land from the

26   State of Alabama that was the former AG Gaston Nursing Home;

27   that land cleared and repurposed for the building of the

28   Brownsville Heights Community Center in 2012; the building

29 holds meeting space, activity rooms, and a media room; and a

30 walking trail was built around the center; on September 7,

31 2013, in commendation for his hard work, the auditorium was

32 named to honor him; and

33   WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly

34 missed, the memory of Harry Giddens will be cherished in the

35 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

36   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

37 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Harry Giddens is

38 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered

39 in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his

40 family, whose grief is shared by many.