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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MAGGIE BRUCE WALKER.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mrs. Maggie Bruce Walker on February 8,  
12 2012, at the age of 76 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Walker leaves a void in  
14 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the  
15 entire community; she was highly regarded as an educator and  
16 civic leader; and

17 WHEREAS, born on April 11, 1935, in Letohatchee,  
18 Alabama, the daughter of Robert and Jessie Bruce, she united  
19 with Big Zion AME Church at an early age and later joined  
20 Clinton Chapel AME Zion, where she was a committed, faithful,  
21 and dedicated servant who served as a Deaconess, Sunday School  
22 Teacher, Chair of the Church Planning Committee, and on the  
23 Deaconess Board and as Secretary; and

24 WHEREAS, a woman of great accomplishment, she earned  
25 both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Elementary Education  
26 from Alabama State University and worked in the field of  
27 education for 33 years in the Montgomery County Public School

1 System; in 1974, she became certified as a Right to Read  
2 Coordinator and worked with one of the most comprehensive  
3 programs for students, which was sponsored by LINKS,  
4 Incorporated, and Project LEAD; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1980, she was appointed the first Black  
6 female Assistant Superintendent for Montgomery Public Schools;  
7 after retirement in 1987, she was involved in numerous  
8 organizations and worthy causes including: Cleveland Avenue  
9 YMCA, Montgomery County Public Schools Needs Assessment  
10 Committee, and the March of Dimes; and

11 WHEREAS, she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta  
12 Sorority, Incorporated, and was inducted into the Alabama  
13 Educational Leadership Hall of Fame at Troy University in  
14 1992; among her additional honors and recognitions were:  
15 Outstanding Woman in Education, Montgomery Chapter; Who's Who  
16 Among School Administrators; Outstanding Soror of the Year,  
17 Alpha Alpha Chapter Gamma Phi Delta Sorority; Outstanding  
18 Alumna in Education; and Distinguished Service Award,  
19 Montgomery County Education Association; she took most pride  
20 in writing and publishing "I Leave You Love," a collection of  
21 poetry and prose; and

22 WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory her loving  
23 husband of 56 years, George W. Walker; sons, Kurt (Jessietta)  
24 Thomas and Kendall Thomas; treasured grandchildren, Bradley  
25 and Braylee-Joi Thomas; sister, Mary (Walter) Bibbins;  
26 brother-in-law, Reverend Claude E. McDonald; sister-in-law,  
27 Elaine Walker; cousins, Mable Chames and Loraine Washington;

1 devoted caregivers, Pastor Denise Rogers and Brontina Smith;  
2 and a host of other relatives, church family, students,  
3 friends, and well-wishers; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was  
5 predeceased by three brothers, John (Buster) Bruce, Charles  
6 Edward "Charlie" Bruce, and Robert Lee Bruce, Sr.; and  
7 sisters, Inez Harrell, Mae Bruce, and Jessie "Doll" Bruce  
8 McDonald; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker was a valued member of the  
10 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her  
11 legacy will endure in the hearts and minds of those who were  
12 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Maggie  
15 Bruce Walker is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
16 resolution is offered in tribute to her life, along with  
17 heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.