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3 By Representative Jackson
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. BETTIE JO CAIRL.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on October 16, 2021, of Mrs. Bettie Jo Cairl, at the age of 73; 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. Cairl was born on August 28, 1948, in Thomasville, Alabama, to Joe Hawthorne and Zora Lee Hawthorne; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cairl attended A.L. Martin High School in Thomasville, where she was encouraged by her high school sweetheart, Billy Cairl, to try out for the Thomasville High Majorette Squad; Mrs. Cairl's audition was successful, and she became a Drum Majorette; in 1966, she and her classmate, Thomas E. Jackson, participated in the Civil Rights Movement by sitting at the counters in Selma, Alabama, and they also participated in the boycott; in 1967, Mrs. Cairl graduated; and

1 WHEREAS, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and
2 Savior and joined Grace Temple Church of God in Christ in
3 Cleveland, Ohio, where she was a faithful member under Pastor
4 Willie James Jackson; in February 1995, Mrs. Cairl joined
5 Davis Temple Church of God in Christ under the late
6 Superintend John P. Davis; Mrs. Cairl loved serving the Lord,
7 on the Mother's Board, and as Pastor's Aid; and

8 WHEREAS, her other achievements included serving as
9 a Protective Service Officer with Cuyahoga County Protective
10 Services until retiring in 2013, owning several businesses,
11 and being an awesome pitcher on the Powerettes Softball Team;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cairl loved taking her family to the
14 Cloverleaf Bowling Alley, Marineland, and Rex Hubbard
15 Cathedral Restaurant; furthermore, when she worked at Bonds
16 Clothing Store, she made certain that her daughter, nieces,
17 and nephews attended every parade in Cleveland, the Ringling
18 Brothers Circus, The Ice Capades, and every The Jackson 5
19 concert, as she wanted them to have memorable experiences; she
20 also enjoyed supporting her son and grandsons by attending
21 their football games; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cairl was preceded in death by her
23 parents; granddaughter, Faith Davis; brothers, Leslie
24 Hawthorne and Daniel Hawthorne; and sisters, Carrie Kimbrough,
25 Lorrena Treadwell, Mary Kimbrough, Sarah Hawthorne, and Allie
26 Mae Dearman; and

1 WHEREAS, she is survived by her daughter, Theresa
2 Cairl-Cobbs; son, John Henry Davis, III; nephews, Thomas James
3 Hudson and Alfonzo Hawthorne (Amira); additional children whom
4 she reared, Tiffany Bufford, John Bufford, Johnnetta Effinger
5 (Aaron), Trayshon Kimbrough (Regina), Charketta Kimbrough,
6 Jovonte Kimbrough, and Shakira Kimbrough; grandchildren,
7 Telansa Kelly (Javante), Teldon Cobbs, Tyler Cobbs, Trinity
8 Davis, Ava Davis, and Ashton Davis; great-grandchildren, Kai
9 Kelly and Kalani Kelly; sisters, Marie, Bonnie Pearl, Barbara,
10 Wycenia, Dianna, and Jackie; brother, Michael; and a host of
11 aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
13 missed, the memory of Mrs. Cairl will be cherished in the
14 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Bettie Jo
17 Cairl is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
18 offered in tribute to her life, along with heartfelt sympathy
19 to her family, whose grief is shared by many.