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HONORING MRS. IRENE M. THOMAS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to highly honor Mrs. Irene M. Thomas on the occasion of her milestone 100th Birthday on April 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas was born on April 11, 1922, in Rusk County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Mrs. Thomas graduated from Prairie View A and M College, now Prairie View A and M University; she has been married for 57 years to Dr. Winfred Thomas, the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Alabama A and M University, and they have one daughter, Carolyn M. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, her professional achievements include teaching school for over 30 years, first in Texas then in Madison County, Alabama; she taught third grade at Councill Training School and fourth grade at Riverton Elementary in Madison County; in 1972, she was nominated by Principal R. Gates as one of the most Outstanding Teachers in America; and

1 WHEREAS, even though she retired from teaching
2 school in 1977, Mrs. Thomas has never retired from learning;
3 she became proficient in computer usage, master gardening,
4 calligraphy, and playing the piano and guitar; also, she has
5 served faithfully in Christian ministry as a Sunday School
6 teacher and has been involved in several other church
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas has been affiliated with many
9 educational, social, and civic organizations, including the
10 Madison County Teachers Association, the Alabama Education
11 Association, the Alabama Retired Teachers Association, the
12 Continental Professional Society, and the Lamron Professional
13 Society, and she is a Charter Member of the Madison County
14 Rural Senior Services; and

15 WHEREAS, a remarkable and inspirational centenarian
16 indeed, Mrs. Thomas is deeply loved and appreciated by many;
17 now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Irene M. Thomas is
20 highly honored on the occasion of her milestone 100th
21 Birthday, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to her with
22 heartiest admiration and regard.