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3 By Representatives McClammy and Warren
4 RFD:
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT MCDADE BURTON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on February 9, 2022, of Mr. Robert McDade Burton of Tuskegee, Alabama, at the age of 81 years; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he has highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was born on October 3, 1940, to Robert and Beatrice Burton McDade in Montgomery County, Alabama; he matriculated at The Commonwealth College of Sciences in Houston, Texas, where he completed the prescribed course of Mortuary Science for graduation as a Professional Embalmer in February 1964; he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and received an Honorable Discharge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton and his wife, Maxine, purchased McKenzie's Funeral Home in 1981; as a businessman, Mr. Burton devoted more than 58 years of service to the funeral industry serving families of West Alabama and surrounding areas; during

1 his stellar career in funeral service, he was afforded the
2 opportunity to work for Harrison-Ross Mortuary of Los Angeles,
3 California; Burton's Funeral Home of Tuskegee, Alabama; and as
4 a Trade Embalmer for surrounding funeral homes; he served as a
5 mentor to many, thus enhancing their funeral service careers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated and faithful member of
8 St. Paul Baptist Church of Cecil, Alabama, and Mount Olive
9 Baptist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees and
10 the Building Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, professionally, Mr. Burton was a member the
12 East Alabama Funeral Home Directors and Morticians Association
13 where he served as President; a lifetime member of the Alabama
14 Funeral Home Directors and Morticians Association; the
15 National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association,
16 Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Macon County Council
17 on Retardation and Rehabilitation, Incorporated and member of
18 Booker T. Washington Consistory #115 of Masons and Mizraim
19 Temple #119 Order of Shriners; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was preceded in death by his
21 beloved wife, Mrs. Evangelyne Maxine Howard Burton; brother,
22 Sylvester McDade; sisters, Deliah Pierce and Dorothy Glover;
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24 WHEREAS, survivors include his sons, Howard C.
25 Burton and Kelvin L. Burton; grandsons, Carson Burton and
26 Myles King; brothers, Willie Lee Pierce and Reginald Pierce;

1 sisters, Dorothy Delois Ripton and Beatrice Pierce and a host
2 of other relatives and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
4 missed, the memory of Mr. Burton will be cherished in the
5 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore;

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Robert
8 McDade Burton is recorded with deep sadness and this
9 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
10 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
11 many.