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3 By Representatives Moore (M) and Rogers  
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND DAISY ANNETTE LEWIS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on March 25, 2019, of Reverend Daisy Annette Lewis of Montgomery, Alabama, at the age of 82 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Lewis was born on March 8, 1937, the second oldest child of Dave Griffin Lewis and Kathleen Lampkin Lewis; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of George Washington Carver High School, Reverend Lewis, following in her father's footsteps, applied for a job as a fireman with L and N Railroad; her father disagreed because of the discrimination against African Americans during that time; she became a brick mason, cook, housekeeper, laundry worker, dry cleaner, seamstress, taxi driver, and cosmetologist; she was a bus and ambulance driver for the Montgomery Community Action Agency Head Start Program; she also drove for Capital Trailways of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, despite her driving experience, the City of Montgomery denied her employment; her perseverance earned her the proclaimed title as the first female bus driver and the

1 first African American bus driver in Montgomery, Alabama;  
2 Reverend Lewis was honored in JET Magazine's January 9, 1975  
3 edition and again in Ebony's February 1966 edition; and

4 WHEREAS, upon receiving her Certification of  
5 Completion from the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District,  
6 Lomax-Hannon Junior College, Greenville, Alabama, Reverend  
7 Lewis became an African Episcopal Methodist minister; and

8 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her siblings,  
9 Vera Mae Brown, Carrie Bell Lewis, Olivia Gilmore, Dave Lewis,  
10 Jr., Constance Bradford, and Justina White; and son, Donald  
11 "Tree" Lewis; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Lewis leaves her most precious  
13 gift, the knowledge and love of Christ to her children,  
14 Gwendolyn Lewis, Kathleen Lewis Davis (Roger), Anna Faye  
15 Brown, and Ronald Lewis-Robusky I; grandchildren, Larysa Lewis  
16 Green (Clarence), Chanta Whatley (Alexander), JoAnna N.  
17 McCurdy, Fiera Fashay Wilson, Diamond Jackson (Gary), Madison  
18 Jiles, Renardo Lewis, Jr., Calvin Brown, Donald Lewis, Jr.,  
19 Roger Davis, Jr., Ronald Lewis-Robusky, II, Taelor  
20 Davis-Robusky, and Rawleigh Brown, Sr.; great-grandchildren,  
21 Antoine Harden, Dantoine Lewis-Harden, Ontiwan Lewis-Harden,  
22 Caleb Greene, Onyx Jackson, Emeral Jackson, Rawleigh Brown,  
23 Jr., Brenden Craig, Jr., Vivianaah Whatley, Zuriah Whatley,  
24 Zeniah Whatley, Zakiah Whatley, Mikayla Greene, Jayla Boston,  
25 Jayana Boston, devoted cousins, Cynthia Jackson and Gloria  
26 Williams; devoted neighbors, Ella Watkins and Virginia Jones;  
27 and a host of relatives and friends; and

1                   WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
2 missed, the memory of Reverend Lewis will be cherished in the  
3 hearts of all who knew and loved her, now therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend Daisy  
6 Annette Lewis is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
7 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
8 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
9 many.