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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND JOHN MARK  
9 LANGHAM, SR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
12 death of the Reverend John Mark Langham, Sr., on March 16,  
13 2019, at the age of 92 years; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Langham was born in Monroe County,  
18 Alabama, on November 18, 1926, to John Langham and Ima  
19 Broughton Langham; he was baptized at an early age and was a  
20 faithful member of Antioch Baptist Church No. 3 in  
21 Monroeville; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Industrial  
23 Academy; a decorated World War II Veteran of the U.S. Army,  
24 serving his country in the European Theatre and receiving an  
25 honorable discharge in 1945; he was a graduate from the Mobile  
26 Branch of Alabama State Teachers College; and he was employed  
27 with Brookley Air Force Base as an aircraft mechanic; and

1           WHEREAS, he achieved his dream of entrepreneurship  
2 by first opening Langham's Garage and later adding Langham's  
3 Auto Parts; he expanded his business interests by opening the  
4 Prichard Trading Post specializing in refurbishing and selling  
5 antique furniture; and

6           WHEREAS, Reverend Langham had a deep love for public  
7 service and became the first African American elected to serve  
8 as Councilman for the City of Prichard; he served on the  
9 council from 1972 until 1980; he served many organizations,  
10 including President of the Prichard Bank of the NAACP,  
11 Founding Member of the Board of Directors for Commonwealth  
12 National Bank, President of the Mobile County Municipal  
13 Association, Advisory Board of Bishop State Junior College,  
14 Chairman of the Senior Citizens Group of Prichard, Prichard  
15 Library Board, and many others; and

16           WHEREAS, Reverend Langham obtained his Master of  
17 Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Seminary at  
18 Bishop State in 1989; he was a longtime member of Canaan  
19 Baptist Church until called to lead the Congregation of  
20 Gloryland Christian Church in Mobile; later, he joined the New  
21 Home Baptist Church serving as a member and associate pastor  
22 under the leadership of Dr. Marvin Langham; and

23           WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his parents, and  
24 three sisters, Lenora Clausell, Irma Broughton, and Mary  
25 Stallworth; survivors include his loving and devoted wife of  
26 70 years, Carvine Parker Langham; two sons, John Langham, Jr.,  
27 and Jimmie Langham; three granddaughters, Carvine Langham

1 Adams (Patrick), Terresa Morrissette (Kent), Tiffany Fisher;  
2 four brothers, Marvin Langham (Sandra), George Langham  
3 (Johnnie), Fred Langham (Voncile) and James Kidd (Cathy); one  
4 sister, Lois Jackson; and a host of other relatives and  
5 friends; and

6 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
7 missed, the memory of Reverend Langham will be cherished in  
8 the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of the Reverend  
11 John Mark Langham, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and  
12 this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
13 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
14 many.