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HR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BERNICE WILLIAMS JACKSON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the passing of Bernice Williams Jackson of Thomasville, Alabama, on July 4, 2023, at the age of 93; 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. Williams was born on July 11, 1929, to Leslie James and Lucretia Pritchett in Thomasville where she grew up with eight siblings, Inez, Korez, James, Carrie, Elbert, Edward, Etta Mae, and James Ledale; she moved to Chicago, Illinois, to pursue a career in nursing; when she returned home to Thomasville, she continued her career at Thomasville Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson, affectionately known as "Ma Bea," gave generously of her time and talent to her faith community at Greater First Baptist Church where she directed the youth department; the children learned and experienced Christian education, outreach ministry, fellowship, music, and stewardship under her leadership; she was known to be energetic, vibrant, and full of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson will be reunited with her late husband, Henry Jean Jackson, and her two sons, James Edward



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29 Dorsey and Charles Lee Williams; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson will be remembered by her
31 grandchildren, Michael, Derrick, and Ariel;
32 great-grandchildren, TaDerrius and Nicholis; her
33 great-great-grandchildren; and many more relatives, friends,
34 and caretakers; and

35 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
36 missed, the memory of Mrs. Jackson will be cherished by all
37 who knew and loved her; now therefore,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
39 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Bernice Williams
40 Jackson is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
41 is offered in tribute to her life, along with heartfelt
42 sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by many.