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HR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
SYLVESTER HOLLIS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the passing of Sylvester Hollis of Birmingham, Alabama, on February 9, 2024, at the age of 75; his departure leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and his community where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis was born on May 6, 1948, in Maple Grove, Alabama, to Willie and Tennie Lou Hayes Hollis, both dearly departed; he graduated from Hooper City High School in 1966 and matriculated to Lawson State Community College; he then attended Miles College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; he earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and a Certification in Administration and Supervision from Alabama State University; he worked his way through college working as a night-shift orderly and a butcher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis had a lifelong, deep appreciation for education, both earning his own and teaching others; he began his professional career as a math and science teacher at West Center Street Elementary School; he was later promoted to work as an administrator with Birmingham City Schools, serving as Assistant Principal of Wenonah Elementary School; he served as Principal of W.C. Davis



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29 Elementary School, Lewis Elementary School, Effie J. McCaw
30 Elementary School, and South Hampton Elementary School; he
31 was promoted again to Assistant Area II Director and
32 supervised 25 schools; Mr. Hollis gave 34 years of dedicated
33 service to education before retiring in 2003; and

34 WHEREAS, Sylvester Hollis was a faithful and devoted
35 servant of Christ having confessed his faith at an early
36 age; he joined Brownsville United Methodist Church and gave
37 generously of his time and talents to serving as a member of
38 the Usher Board, as well as teaching the Sunday School men's
39 class and serving as Superintendent of the Sunday School; he
40 participated as a member of the Brownsville Education
41 Committee, which enabled Brownsville youth to attend
42 colleges around the country; and he was a member of the
43 United Methodist Men who hosted events for the church and
44 its surrounding communities of Brownsville, Airport, Maple
45 Grove, and Zion City; and

46 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis loved his family above all others
47 and will be reunited with his parents; brothers, William
48 Leland Hollis and Joseph Hollis; sister, Doris Ann
49 Brasswell; and brothers-in-law, Jerry Byrd and Clinton
50 Grant; he will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of
51 50 years, Mary Ann Guest Hollis; daughter, Dr. Sylvea L.
52 Hollis (Mavis); siblings, Robert Hollis (Jackie), Stacey
53 Hollis (Cynthia), and Jeannetta Bailey; sisters-in-love,
54 Jeraldine Pollard, Emma Sadler, Ernestine Colley (Kenneth),
55 Dr. Vanessa Moore (Rev. Cleveland), Laverene Hudson (Danny),
56 Rosa Cooper (Randy), Barbara Grant, and Mary Griffin Hollis;



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57 nephews and nieces, Leland Hollis, Representative Rolanda
58 Hollis (Aaron), Zashnetta Wilson, Juhmad Hollis, Stacey A.
59 Hollis (Tonja), Joseph Matthew Hollis (Brittany), Sharidan
60 Hollis, Tiffany Bailey, Relious Wilson; and a host of other
61 family, friends, and colleagues; and

62 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
63 missed, the memory of Sylvester Hollis will be cherished by
64 all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

65 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
66 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Sylvester Hollis
67 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
68 offered in tribute to his life and service, along with
69 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
70 many.