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8 COMMENDING MRS. JANE J. MITCHELL ON THE OCCASION OF
9 HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Mrs. Jane J. Mitchell on the occasion of her
13 100th Birthday on February 25, 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell was born February 25, 1918,
15 to the union of Willie Gaston and Lena Washington Mitchell in
16 Koenton, Alabama; when her mother passed away before her
17 second birthday, she went to live with her great-grandparents,
18 Will and Georgiana Jackson; and

19 WHEREAS, after the death of her great-grandfather,
20 Mrs. Mitchell's great-grandmother, Grandma Georgiana, a
21 Cherokee from South Carolina, reared her alone; during the
22 winter of 1924 when she was six-years-old, Mrs. Mitchell
23 attended Rosenwald School in Koenton, Alabama, where Johnny
24 Raine served as principal and her first grade teacher was Ms.
25 Virginia Washington; and

26 WHEREAS, she attended school through the eleventh
27 grade; she owned only one dress, which she wore with cotton

1 stockings and brogans; her favorite subjects were math,
2 spelling, and reading; many years later, she obtained her GED;
3 she took 32 lessons in Nursing and received her certificate,
4 and she attended evening classes at Bishop State Community
5 College, where she majored in Elementary Education; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell met her husband, Arthella,
7 during a revival at True Light Baptist Church in September
8 1935, and the couple was united in Holy matrimony in Koenton,
9 Alabama, by Reverend A.D. Fox; their union was blessed with 13
10 children; one foster child; 78 grandchildren; 162
11 great-grandchildren; 105 great-great-grandchildren; and one
12 great-great-great-grandchild; they were married until
13 Arthella's death on September 25, 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell began working at the
15 Washington County Hospital in 1961; she and Arthella moved
16 from Koenton, Alabama, to Chatom, Alabama, in 1962, where Mrs.
17 Mitchell worked at the hospital for six years; in 1969, Jane
18 entered employment with the United States Postal Service,
19 where she worked 15 years; she served as a substitute teacher
20 for the Washington County Public School System from 1981 until
21 1984; in 1984, she became Pastor of the Church of God
22 Deliverance in Chatom, Alabama; while serving as pastor, she
23 worked part-time at Chatom's Nutrition Center; she remained
24 Pastor until September 2015 when she turned the church over to
25 her grandson, Bishop Roger Kirksey; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell lived exemplary lives
27 of integrity for their children to witness the way of

1 righteousness in practice; they taught and exemplified strong
2 Christian values for their children; Mrs. Mitchell had five
3 brothers, ML, Milton, Void, Dan, and Charlie; and three
4 sisters, Ida Lee, Ivy, and Bessie; and

5 WHEREAS, a 100th Birthday is a significant milestone
6 that represents a century's worth of wisdom earned and
7 memories gained and is a cause for great rejoicing; it is a
8 tremendous privilege to recognize a remarkable lady such as
9 Mrs. Jane J. Mitchell on her special day; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mrs. Jane J. Mitchell is
12 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
13 to her in highest tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes
14 for continued prosperity and blessings.