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7 Fields, Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon,
8 Graham, Grantland, Greenson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett,
9 Hammon, Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard,
10 Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy,
11 Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask,
12 McAdory, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel,
13 McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore
14 (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren
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8 RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY
9 OF WEST ALABAMA.
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11 WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 collegiate academic year
12 signals the 175th anniversary of one of the many fine
13 institutions of higher learning in the State of Alabama, the
14 University of West Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, located in Livingston, Alabama, the
16 University of West Alabama has grown significantly since being
17 chartered in 1835 as a church-related female academy; the
18 5,000 students currently enrolled pursue associate,
19 baccalaureate, master's, and education specialist degrees
20 through traditional and online instruction; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1881, a noted educator, Julia Strudwick
22 Tutwiler, took charge of the school, which was still supported
23 by private funds; two years later, Miss Tutwiler succeeded in
24 convincing the Alabama State Legislature to provide a small
25 state appropriation, believed to be the first financial
26 provisions made by the Alabama government exclusively for the
27 education of women; and

1 WHEREAS, the earlier administrators were principals
2 or co-principals of the institution, and Miss Tutwiler was the
3 first individual named as president and chief executive
4 officer; she was followed by Dr. George W. Brock, serving as
5 president 1910-1936; Dr. Noble F. Greenhill, 1936-1944; Dr.
6 William W. Hill, 1944-1954; Dr. Delos P. Culp, 1954-1963, Dr.
7 John E. Deloney, 1963-1972; Dr. Asa N. Green, 1973-1993; Dr.
8 Don C. Hines, 1994-1998; Dr. Ed D. Roach, 1998-2002; and Dr.
9 Richard D. Holland, 2002-present, who is the first alumnus to
10 serve in the office; through the years, the stability and
11 continuity in the president's office have contributed to the
12 consistent progress shown by the university; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1929, the institution was renamed State
14 Teachers College at Livingston and was given the authority to
15 grant the Bachelor of Science degree; in 1947, further
16 authorization was given for the Bachelor of Arts degree;
17 although the school's name has changed more than once, the
18 training of teachers has remained a major facet of its
19 educational mission; and

20 WHEREAS, the next name change came in 1957, when the
21 school became Livingston State College; it was during this
22 phase of development that the graduate division was
23 established and the first Master's degrees were awarded; ten
24 years later, the school's name was again changed to Livingston
25 University; in 1995, the institution recognized its broader
26 mission as a regional university serving the educational needs

1 of all the citizens of the area by changing its name to the
2 University of West Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, under the current leadership of Dr. Richard
4 D. Holland and a fine board of trustees, the University of
5 West Alabama has dedicated itself to helping foster
6 improvement in the educational, economic, and cultural life of
7 its community and region; by providing an environment
8 conducive to excellence in education and encouraging students
9 to learn by their own initiative in addition to learning under
10 the tutelage of an exceptional faculty, the university is
11 developing not only college graduates, but responsible
12 citizens and leaders for the state and nation; and

13 WHEREAS, now organized into six instructional units
14 -- the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Natural
15 Sciences and Mathematics, the College of Business, the Julia
16 Strudwick Tutwiler College of Education, the Ira D. Pruitt
17 Division of Nursing, and the School of Graduate Studies -- the
18 institution is accredited by the Southern Association of
19 Colleges and Schools, the National Council for Accreditation
20 of Teacher Education, the Association of Collegiate Business
21 Schools and Programs, the Commission on Accreditation of
22 Athletic Training Education, and the National League for
23 Nursing Accrediting Commission; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the University of West
26 Alabama is honored and commended, and by copy of this
27 resolution on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary, this

1 distinguished institution is recognized as a cornerstone of
2 educational progress and activity in Alabama.