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3 By Representatives Boyd, McCampbell, Newton (D), Scott, Hall,
4 Forte, Williams (P), Johnson (K), Henry, Buskey, Oden, Brown,
5 Collins, Warren, Harper, Weaver, Burdine, Williams (D),
6 Roberts, Sessions, McAdory, Baughn, Coleman, Rogers, Moore
7 (M), Johnson (R), Carns, Drake, Bridges, Robinson (O), Hill,
8 Ison, Rich, Sanderford, Tuggle, Greer, McCutcheon, Knight,
9 Davis, Gaston, Fincher, Vance, England, Clouse, Poole,
10 Buttram, Shiver, Beech, Baker, Faust, Bracy, Lee, Newton (C),
11 Chesteen, Robinson (J), Melton, Colston, Thomas, Greeson,
12 Wren, Givan and Grimsley
13 RFD:
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8 NAMING THE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT BISHOP
9 STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN HONOR OF DR. YVONNE KENNEDY.

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11 WHEREAS, founded in the summer of 1927, Bishop State
12 Community College was originally the Mobile Branch of Alabama
13 State College (University) in Montgomery, Alabama. It was
14 established as an in-service arm of Alabama State College that
15 offered extension courses to African-American elementary and
16 secondary teachers in Mobile; and

17 WHEREAS, on February 23, 1989, under the leadership
18 of Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, our friend and colleague, the Alabama
19 State Board of Education renamed the college to Bishop State
20 Community College to reflect its growth in vocational/career
21 offerings, transfer offerings and community service
22 activities; on August 22, 1991, the Alabama State Board of
23 Education consolidated two technical colleges in Mobile -
24 Southwest State Technical College and Carver State Technical
25 College - with Bishop State Community College; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1995, the college added a fourth campus
27 with the opening of its Baker-Gaines Central Campus, formerly

1 the historic Central High School; the facility now houses the
2 Division of Health Related Professions; in addition, it
3 includes a museum, child care center, 1,200-seat auditorium,
4 multimedia center, cafeteria facilities and a bookstore; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2006, under the leadership of Dr.
6 Kennedy, the College completed construction of the \$10
7 million-plus state of the art Business Technology Center; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor Dr.
11 Yvonne Kennedy by naming the Business Technology Center at
12 Bishop State Community College, the Dr. Yvonne Kennedy
13 Business Technology Center.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
15 resolution be provided to each member of the Alabama State
16 Board of Education, to James Lowe, Jr., President of Bishop
17 State Community College, and to Dr. Kennedy, as a token of our
18 appreciation and esteem.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Bishop State Community
20 College is hereby directed to erect appropriate signage.