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3 By Representative Newton (D)
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING HAROLD COLLINS FOR OUTSTANDING
4 ACHIEVEMENT.

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6 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
7 herein conveyed to Harold Collins of Memphis, Tennessee, in
8 recognition of his outstanding achievements; and

9 WHEREAS, on January 7, 2012, Harold Collins, who is
10 a member of Phi Beta Sigma, Incorporated, dedicated a
11 permanent marker on Beale Street in Memphis, at the very site
12 where Abram Langston Taylor formulated in his mind a new
13 fraternity, with the result that Phi Beta Sigma was born on
14 January 9, 1914, on the campus of Howard University in
15 Washington, D.C.; and

16 WHEREAS, now numbering more than 125,000 members
17 worldwide, the fraternity is a brotherhood of royalty,
18 including leaders of countries in West Africa and Liberia; and

19 WHEREAS, the first African-American Rhodes Scholar,
20 Dr. Alaine Leroy Locke, was a member of the fraternity, as
21 were A. Phillip Randolph, James Weldon Johnson, and Dr. George
22 Washington Carver, among others; and

23 WHEREAS, the fraternity also has in its membership
24 Reverend Al Sharpton, former President William Jefferson
25 Clinton, and television personality Al Roker; and

1 WHEREAS, at the ceremony dedicating the marker to
2 Phi Beta Sigma on Beale Street, the position of Chair for the
3 momentous occasion was held by Brother Harold Collins, a
4 member of the Memphis Council and an investigator with the
5 Shelby County District Attorney's Office, as well as a
6 recognized expert in the field of corrections; he is an
7 outstanding Sigma Man in his own right, and was responsible
8 for the attendance of the City and County officials at the
9 celebration; and

10 WHEREAS, featured speakers at the dedication
11 ceremony included Sigma Brothers Congressman John Lewis,
12 Representative Demetrius Newton, and 24 international
13 presidents; among the past international presidents in
14 attendance were Paul Griffin of Plano, Texas; Carter D. Womack
15 of Columbus, Ohio; William E. Stanley, Jr., of Atlanta,
16 Georgia; Peter M. Adams of Scarsdale, New York; and Arthur R.
17 Thomas of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, also attending were the current
19 international president, the Honorable Jimmy Hammock of
20 Morristown, Tennessee, as well as members of the General
21 Board; and

22 WHEREAS, the work of Brother Harold Collins
23 epitomizes the dedication, loyalty, and commitment that
24 exemplify the fraternity motto: "Culture for Service and
25 Service for Humanity"; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Harold Collins is most highly
3 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered with
4 heartiest congratulations to him on the dedication of a
5 permanent marker to Phi Beta Sigma, Incorporated, on Beale
6 Street in Memphis, Tennessee, along with best wishes in future
7 endeavors.

