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3 By Representative Newton (D)  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING HAROLD COLLINS FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
12 herein conveyed to Harold Collins of Memphis, Tennessee, in  
13 recognition of his outstanding achievements; and

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

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

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

1           WHEREAS, the fraternity also has in its membership  
2 Reverend Al Sharpton, former President William Jefferson  
3 Clinton, and television personality Al Roker; and

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

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

21           WHEREAS, also attending were the current  
22 international president, the Honorable Jimmy Hammock of  
23 Morristown, Tennessee, as well as members of the General  
24 Board; and

25           WHEREAS, the work of Brother Harold Collins  
26 epitomizes the dedication, loyalty, and commitment that

1 exemplify the fraternity motto: "Culture for Service and  
2 Service for Humanity"; now therefore,

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