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3 By Representative Newton (D)
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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.