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8 COMMENDING MOTHER HAZEL HAWK FOR RECEIVING A 2014
9 ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION PIONEER AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Mother Hazel Hawk on her
13 outstanding achievement of receiving a 2014 Rosetta James
14 Foundation Pioneer Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Mother Hazel Hawk will be recognized at The
16 Rosetta James Foundation's "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration,
17 which is named in honor of an extraordinary native of Akron,
18 Alabama, Mrs. Rosetta James, who has positively impacted
19 countless lives through active citizenship and selfless
20 service; and

21 WHEREAS, Mother Hawk has altruistically served the
22 community in a multitude of ways ranging from feeding the
23 hungry to caring for the young and elderly; and

24 WHEREAS, during her distinguished career, she
25 managed food operations for the Madison County School System
26 at Farmer's Capital School, which is now Lynn Fanning
27 Elementary, and for Kroger, retiring in 1990; she often raised

1 money for Farmer's Capital by selling her famous bread rolls
2 at community fundraisers; she nobly fed thousands of people
3 through her laudable work and magnanimous efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, Mother Hawk began feeding the elderly and
5 less fortunate out of her own home, often harvesting many of
6 her own crops for the cause; she created soulful plates
7 throughout the year, especially during the holidays; as long
8 as she was able, she ensured the hungry were properly
9 nourished; "Even closed mouths need to be fed," has been a
10 constant, heartfelt saying of hers; and

11 WHEREAS, as early as the 1970s', she began regularly
12 visiting and caring for the sick and shut-in; currently, she
13 visits and calls numerous friends, church members, and
14 associates weekly, generating good spirits and conversation;
15 from 2000-2003, she provided nursing care to seniors with
16 varying levels of disabilities at Agape Village Nursing Home,
17 where her ability to bring joy and uplift those are sick
18 served greatly; and

19 WHEREAS, Mother Hawk has championed the needs of our
20 youth; for more than 20 years, she has demonstrated an
21 unwavering commitment to offering not-for-profit child care
22 services; she co-managed a home day care from 1990 to 2001,
23 helping numerous parents who could not always afford to pay
24 regular child care fees; in addition, she devoted her time to
25 mentoring, educating, and caring for youth, was actively
26 involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Huntsville, and

1 taught as a substitute teacher for the Huntsville City School
2 System after retirement; and

3 WHEREAS, as an advocate for the Voting Rights Act,
4 she worked with District 1 City Councilman Richard Showers to
5 increase voter registration; she emphasizes the importance of
6 the right to vote to youth as well; and

7 WHEREAS, Mother Hawk's civic duties have also
8 included participating in clothing drives for the needy, 4-H
9 Club, and AARP membership; and

10 WHEREAS, following retirement, she took the
11 opportunity to travel the world; places she visited include
12 Jerusalem (the Holy Land), Haiti, Germany, Paris, London,
13 Hawaii, and Washington, D.C., among other destinations; and

14 WHEREAS, Mother Hawk studied Business Administration
15 at Alverson-Draughton College of Huntsville from 1976 to 1977;
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17 WHEREAS, Mother Hawk's hard work, ingenuity, and
18 civic contributions espouse the meritorious qualities of the
19 Rosetta James Foundation and reflect immense honor upon the
20 entire State of Alabama; she is truly deserving of the
21 significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mother Hazel Hawk is highly
24 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
25 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
26 best wishes for all future endeavors.