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3 By Representatives Buskey and Clarke
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8 COMMENDING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
9 MOBILE BEACON AND ALABAMA CITIZEN NEWSPAPER.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that The
12 Mobile Beacon and Alabama Citizen newspaper is congratulated
13 on celebrating its 70th Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mobile Beacon and Alabama Citizen was
15 founded in 1943 by Frank and Lencie Thomas out of a need for
16 Black people to be informed; since that time, the newspaper
17 has published without interruption, no matter the hardships;
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19 WHEREAS, starting out as a Black publication, the
20 enterprise has grown to become a general publication, serving
21 everyone across the country, with newspapers distributed by
22 mail throughout the 50 states; and

23 WHEREAS, the 70th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
24 and Scholarship Presentations was held on November 7, 2013, in
25 Mobile, Alabama, featuring keynote speaker Autherine
26 Lucy-Foster, one of the first African-Americans to enroll in

1 The University of Alabama during the height of the Civil
2 Rights Era; and

3 WHEREAS, it is indeed appropriate to honor the
4 significant contributions of The Mobile Beacon and Alabama
5 Citizen newspaper and to commend Autherine Lucy-Foster as a
6 courageous pioneer for Civil Rights; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and
9 pleasure in congratulating The Mobile Beacon and Alabama
10 Citizen on its 70th Anniversary Celebration, along with paying
11 well-deserved tribute to Autherine Lucy-Foster, and this
12 resolution is offered as evidence of the esteem of the people
13 of the State of Alabama.