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8 RECOGNIZING MARTHA PARKER FOR HER COURAGE AND  
9 DETERMINATION DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.  
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11 WHEREAS, in 1965, Martha Parker and her siblings  
12 enrolled in the Headland, Alabama, School System prior to  
13 segregation becoming law and during an era of racial tension;  
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15 WHEREAS, her father, Reverend Solomon David of Faith  
16 Temple in Headland enrolled his children in the Headland  
17 School System in hopes they would receive a better education;  
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19 WHEREAS, while receiving her education in the  
20 Headland School System, she endured racial slurs and difficult  
21 learning conditions amidst an environment filled with  
22 prejudice; and

23 WHEREAS, during a repressive time, she brightened  
24 the community through her gift of teaching music; and

1           WHEREAS, despite challenges, she displayed courage  
2 and determination in becoming the first African-American high  
3 school graduate of Headland High School in 1968; and

4           WHEREAS, a model citizen, Mrs. Parker serves as the  
5 minister of Music at her home church in Birmingham, Alabama;  
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7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker and her family's resolve to  
8 stand up for justice and civil rights during a time of social  
9 conflict is a tremendous source of credit; now therefore,

10           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Martha Parker is highly  
12 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her  
13 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
14 best wishes for the future.