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3 By Representatives Hall and Daniels
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8 RECOGNIZING ERA TOWNSEND FOR OUTSTANDING LIFETIME
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Era Townsend for outstanding
13 lifetime achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, Era Townsend was born as one of 11 children
15 to the union of Riley and Florence Townsend on January 16,
16 1914; she is the only living sibling; and

17 WHEREAS, as a child, Era crossed a railroad track
18 each day to attend the Council School; she attended school
19 until the fifth grade, during which time she began working
20 with Ms. W.I. Thomason performing domestic services and she
21 selflessly gave her earnings to her mother; and

22 WHEREAS, Era had the distinction of being the first
23 person baptized at the Franklin Street Church of Christ,
24 currently known as Blue Spring RD Church of Christ; and

25 WHEREAS, Era married Charlie Brake in 1946 and they
26 reared four wonderful children, John, Charles-Etta, Ellie, and
27 Glenda; Era instilled within her children the importance of

1 academics; her beloved and devoted husband, Charlie, died on
2 April 16, 1969; and

3 WHEREAS, Era's life has been further enriched by her
4 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and four
5 great-great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Era contributed exceptional direction as a
7 fundraiser coordinator for Southwestern Christian College for
8 many years; she is a strong believer in obtaining a solid,
9 Christian education; and

10 WHEREAS, Era Townsend has inspired and earned the
11 respect of many through her tireless dedication, exceptional
12 abilities, and steadfast character; a pillar of the community,
13 she is truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Era Townsend is honored and
17 commended, and this resolution is offered to her in highest
18 tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued
19 blessings.