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3 By Representative Boyd  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING MRS. MARIE HARRIS PLAYER FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein presented  
12 to Mrs. Marie Harris Player who will be honored by the Willie  
13 A. and Betty C. Farrior Family Foundation during its  
14 Leadership Luncheon on Saturday, March 23, 2019, in the  
15 Talladega Regional Family Life Center for her Outstanding  
16 Service to the Talladega Community and the State of Alabama;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Willie A. and Betty C. Farrior Family  
19 Foundation is a nonprofit organization established March 2017,  
20 by Colonel (Retired) Cedrick A. Farrior in memory of Mr. and  
21 Mrs. Farrior; both were native Alabamians who unfortunately  
22 lost their vision at an early age; they attended the Alabama  
23 School for the Negro Blind in Talladega, Alabama; they were  
24 married in October 1945; Willie was the first Black blind  
25 individual to be employed at the Alabama Industries for the  
26 Blind in June 1950; Willie retired from AIDB after completion

1 of 40 years of employment; Betty retired after completion of  
2 27 years of employment; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marie Harris Player earned her  
4 Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from Alabama A  
5 and M University in 1957; she earned her Master of Science  
6 Degree in Home Economics Education from Tuskegee Institute  
7 (now Tuskegee University) in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Player began her professional career  
9 as a Home Economist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension  
10 Service in Talladega County, Alabama; she was later promoted  
11 to Extension Service County Agent Coordinator for Talladega  
12 County; she retired after 33 years of dedicated service; and

13 WHEREAS, her community and civic service includes  
14 past president, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, past  
15 president of the Talladega City Schools' Foundation, past  
16 board member of the Talladega Chamber of Commerce, the Red  
17 Door Kitchen, the United Way, the Community Action Agency, and  
18 Industrial Development; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris currently serves as a member of  
20 the Talladega City Planning Commission, the Citizens, Patient  
21 and Family Advisory Council at Citizens Baptist Medical  
22 Center, and the Chief Inspector for Poll Workers at the B. N.  
23 Mabra Center; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Player is a an active member and  
25 Deaconess at Mount Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in  
26 Talladega, Alabama; she and her husband, the late Eddie G.  
27 Player, are proud parents of Mr. Eric Player and Reverend

1 Duane Player; and they have 2 grandchildren and 3  
2 great-grandchildren; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we heartily congratulate Mrs.  
5 Marie Harris Player on being honored by the Willie and Betty  
6 Farrior Family Foundation for her outstanding service to the  
7 Talladega Community and the State of Alabama, and this  
8 resolution is offered to her in admiration and appreciation,  
9 along with best wishes in all future endeavors.