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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING MR. CHESTER HIGGINS, JR. FOR LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, Mr. Chester Higgins, Jr. was born in  
Fairhope, Alabama, in 1946; he grew up in New Brockton,  
Alabama, and he now resides in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins picked up the camera in 1967 as  
a student at the Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee  
University; he was mentored there by the official school  
photographer, P.H. Polk; in 1970, Mr. Higgins graduated with  
a Bachelor Degree in Business Management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins received additional mentoring  
from world-renowned photojournalists, including Arthur  
Rothstein of LOOK Magazine and his work on depression-era  
Farm Service Agency projects; Cornell Capa, the founding  
director of the International Center of Photography; and  
Gordon Parks of LIFE Magazine and a pioneer of documentary  
photojournalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins worked as a photographer for The  
New York Times for 39 years from 1975 to 2014, where he  
documented the history and traditions of minority cultures;  
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26           WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins has traveled to the African  
27 continent more than 50 times since his first journey to  
28 Senegal in 1971; and

29           WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins was a 2022 inductee of the  
30 International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum; a 2021  
31 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Silurian  
32 Society; a 2013 Global Citizenship Award recipient from the  
33 International Youth Leadership Institute; The Gordon Parks  
34 Legend Award recipient; and the Nubian Women's Art Circle  
35 Award recipient; and

36           WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins is a published author of many  
37 photographic books, including Student Unrest at Tuskegee  
38 Institute: A Chronology; Black Woman, with Harold McDougall;  
39 Drums of Life, with Orde Coombs; Some Time Ago, with Orde  
40 Coombs; Feeling the Spirit: Searching the World for the  
41 People of Africa, with Betsy Kissam; Echo of the Spirit: A  
42 Photographer's Journey, with Betsy Kissam; Ancient Nubia,  
43 with Marjorie M. Fisher, Peter Lacovara, Salima Ikram, and  
44 Sue H. D'Auria; It's Been Beautiful: Soul! And Black Power  
45 Television, with Gayle Wald; and Sacred Nile, with Betsy  
46 Kissam; and

47           WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins has exhibited individually and  
48 in group shows in 19 states, including his home state of  
49 Alabama, as well as Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois,  
50 Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey,



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51 New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia,  
52 Washington, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin; he has shown  
53 his work internationally in Paris, France; Berlin, Germany;  
54 Caracas, Venezuela; Seoul, South Korea; and Accra, Ghana;  
55 now therefore,

56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
57 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Chester Higgins, Jr. is  
58 heartily congratulated for his bountiful career and lifetime  
59 achievements, and we are honored to offer this resolution to  
60 him in celebration of his art with highest regard and best  
61 wishes for all future endeavors.