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HR_____ COMMENDING DR. RANDY B. KELLEY ON HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in extending highest commendations to Dr. Randy B. Kelley for his outstanding professional accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley is an activist pastor and a political organizer; he was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated from Leeds High School in Leeds, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the United States Army, he specialized in race relations and combat infantry training; Dr. Kelley graduated at the top of his class as Distinguished Instructor Training Graduate at Fort Ord, California, and Distinguished Leadership Academy Graduate in Wiesbaden, Germany; he received several awards for his leadership and teaching abilities in training combat soldiers in the Republic of Korea; while teaching in Korea, his classes were visited by 13 Generals and the Secretary of the Army; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley graduated from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and Psychology, a Master's Degree from Gammon Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was elected student body president; Dr. Kelley has



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29 served as an adviser of the Jacksonville State University
30 Masonic Order and as a former instructor at Morris Brown
31 College and Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley's accomplishments and
34 achievements over the years include, but are not limited to,
35 the following: former Vice Chairman of the Democratic
36 National Committee Black Caucus; Vice Chairman of the
37 Alabama Democratic Conference; inducted into the Dr. Martin
38 Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in
39 Atlanta, Georgia; former Talk Show Host of "Tell It Like It
40 Is" on radio stations in Gadsden, Birmingham, and Anniston,
41 Alabama; former NAACP and SCLC President; former Gadsden
42 City Council Member; former Convener of Race and Religion
43 Team of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist
44 Church; and

45 WHEREAS, a chapter of a book entitled Connections:
46 Communities, School and People Who Made Them, published by
47 Auburn University, is named in Dr. Kelley's honor for his
48 work in mobilizing leaders; his leadership was featured
49 nationally on TV ONE Divine Restoration Program; before his
50 present pastoral assignment at Lakeside United Methodist
51 Church in Huntsville, Alabama, he served as pastor in
52 Collinsville, Irondale, Gadsden, Birmingham, Anniston,
53 Hobson City, Lanett, and Lafayette, Alabama; Dr. Kelley
54 currently serves as the Chairperson of the Alabama
55 Democratic Party; and

56 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley is married to Gelaine Kelley, and



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57 they are the proud parents of one son, Jabriel, and
58 daughters, Jamillah and Jamaya; now therefore,

59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
60 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we honor Dr. Randy B. Kelley
61 for his distinguished career and his contribution to the
62 prosperity of the State of Alabama.