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HR_____ HONORING JOHNNY FRANK MCKINNEY FOR HIS RECOGNITION BY
THE WILLIE AND BETTY FARRIOR FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein presented
to Johnny Frank McKinney who will be honored by the Willie
and Betty Farrior Family Foundation for outstanding service
to the Talladega Community and the great State of Alabama;
and

WHEREAS, the Willie and Betty Farrior Family
Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in March
2017 by Colonel (Retired) Cedrick A. Farrior in memory of
his grandparents; both were native Alabamians who
unfortunately lost their vision at an early age; they
attended the Alabama School for the Negro Deaf and Blind in
Talladega, Alabama, and they married in October 1945;
Willie became the first Black blind individual to be
employed at the Alabama Industries for the Blind in June
1950; Willie Farrior was employed until he retired after 40
years, and Betty Farrior retired after 27 years of
employment; their persistence for excellence despite having
to overcome many obstacles and their commitment to serving
others made lasting impressions that are still present
today; and

WHEREAS, the Willie and Betty Farrior Family



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29 Foundation was founded to promote the idea of "selfless
30 service with a purpose" and to inspire and support the
31 community; in addition to providing Foundation Scholarships
32 and a Front of The Line Pre-Apprenticeship Program, they
33 recognize individuals who are making a difference through
34 tremendous efforts and achievements in the Talladega
35 Community; and

36 WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual deserving of
37 recognition for his community leadership is Johnny Frank
38 McKinney; born on October 4, 1952, to Katie Mae and Frank
39 McKinney, he was educated in Talladega and a member of the
40 first graduating class after the full integration of
41 Talladega High School in 1971; and

42 WHEREAS, subsequently, Dr. McKinney joined the United
43 States Navy and demonstrated loyalty, duty, selfless
44 service, and integrity until his honorable discharge; he
45 became employed with the Department of Defense and retired
46 after 28 years of Federal Civilian Service at Fort McClellan
47 where he worked as the Transportation Motor Pool Officer;
48 and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. McKinney earned an Associate Degree from
50 Gadsden State Community College and a Bachelor Degree in
51 Theology from Birmingham Baptist Bible College; he was later
52 awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Rushing Springs
53 School of Theology in Sylacauga; and

54 WHEREAS, he has served as Pastor of the Rocky Mount
55 Missionary Baptist Church since March of 1991; he and his
56 wife, Josephine McKinney, are committed to their church



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57 family and faithfully lead them in community outreach
58 projects; and

59 WHEREAS, he is very involved in his community and a
60 member of many organizations, including NAACP, AARP, the
61 Talladega County Democratic Conference, and the Knoxville
62 Improvement Association; he has served as both the 2nd Vice
63 President and Secretary of the Northeast District State
64 Convention, and is a past instructor for the Alabama State
65 Congress of Christian Education; and

66 WHEREAS, Dr. McKinney is currently the Dean of the
67 Rushing Springs School of Theology and an instructor of the
68 Certificate of Progress Program for the Congress of
69 Christian Education at the Rushing Springs District Center;
70 he served as Moderator of the Rushing Springs District
71 Association from 2010-2018; and

72 WHEREAS, Dr. McKinney serves a Trustee for Selma
73 University, a Chaplain at Citizens Baptist Medical Center,
74 and an appointed board member for the Talladega Housing
75 Authority; his commitment to education has extended to
76 working as a substitute teacher for the Talladega City
77 School System; now therefore,

78 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
79 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we heartily congratulate Mr.
80 Johnny Frank McKinney on being honored by the Willie and
81 Betty Farris Family Foundation for his outstanding service
82 to the Talladega Community and the State of Alabama, and
83 this resolution is offered with utmost appreciation to him,
84 along with best wishes in all future endeavors.