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3 By Representative Gray  
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4 HJR\_\_\_\_ HONORING DOCTOR REVEREND CLIFFORD E. JONES FOR 25  
5 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TO THE GREATER PEACE  
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.  
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Rev. Clifford E. Jones founded the  
9 Greater Peace Community Development Corporation (GPCDC) in  
10 2000 with a mission to uplift and empower underserved  
11 communities through education, housing, youth development,  
12 and faith-based initiatives in Opelika and surrounding  
13 areas; and

14 WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, GPCDC has been a  
15 beacon of hope, progress, and transformation, providing  
16 essential resources and opportunities to individuals and  
17 families in East Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Rev. Clifford E.  
19 Jones, GPCDC has made significant contributions to  
20 affordable housing by building 48 quality housing units in  
21 Opelika, assisting low-income families in becoming  
22 first-time homeowners, and revitalizing neighborhoods  
23 through beautification and infrastructure projects; and

24 WHEREAS, the organization has established vital  
25 educational and youth programs, including tutoring,  
26 after-school enrichment, teen workforce development,  
27 mentorship programs, scholarship opportunities,  
28 college-readiness initiatives, and leadership summits to



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support hundreds of students annually; and

WHEREAS, GPCDC has championed economic empowerment through business training programs, homebuyer education workshops, and job-readiness initiatives, equipping community members with the tools needed for financial independence; and

WHEREAS, the organization has prioritized health and wellness by hosting annual health fairs, partnering with USDA, CACFP, and the East Alabama Food Bank to combat food insecurity and offer mental health support; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rev. Clifford E. Jones has demonstrated unwavering leadership, moral integrity, and a servant's heart, mobilizing volunteers for disaster relief efforts, fostering interfaith partnerships, and advocating for peace and reconciliation across Alabama; and

WHEREAS, his tireless dedication has transformed lives, strengthened communities, and set a standard for faith-based service and social justice; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and commend Dr. Rev. Clifford E. Jones for 25 years of exceptional service, commitment, and leadership in East Alabama and beyond.