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HR_____ RECOGNIZING CATRENA NORRIS CARTER FOR HER
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ADVOCATING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
highest commendations are conveyed to Catrena Norris Carter
for her unwavering fight in ensuring that civil rights are
not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter is a native of Selma and received
a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from The University
of Alabama at Birmingham after spending two years on a
performing arts scholarship at Loretto Heights College in
Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Catrena is a 35-year veteran of both civil
and women's rights movements in America; that passion has
led to her founding several nonprofit organizations that
have aided oppressed people in finding the help and justice
they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Catrena co-founded and is currently CEO of
Salute Selma, Incorporated, a nonprofit organization
designed to take the lessons of the Civil Rights Movement
and apply these solutions to everyday business practices; in
2020, on the 55th Anniversary of the Historic Selma to
Montgomery March, Salute Selma partnered with the National
Pan-Hellenic Council to organize the first ever Black Women
Led March, where more than 30,000 women, activists, and



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29 citizens showed up from across the globe to commemorate that
30 legendary march; and

31 WHEREAS, for three decades, Ms. Carter has led
32 successful efforts as the National Coordinator of the Bridge
33 Crossing Jubilee, Incorporated, an organization that founded
34 the annual reenactment of the 1965 Bridge Crossing, which
35 has brought hundreds of thousands of supporters to Selma,
36 including former Presidents Joe Biden, Bill Clinton, Barrack
37 Obama, and George W. Bush; and

38 WHEREAS, Catrena also founded Women of Will (WOW), a
39 nonprofit that has trained hundreds of women to run for
40 political office and headed the "Vote or Die" movement which
41 led to Doug Jones becoming the first United States Senator
42 representing the Democratic Party of Alabama; and

43 WHEREAS, Ms. Carter was Associate Publisher of the
44 publication "Who's Who in Black Alabama" and has over 20
45 years of award-winning hospitality experience; she was the
46 former Director of Sales and Marketing for the Historic
47 Redmont Hotel and the Tutwiler Hotel; she received national
48 recognition from Wyndham International as the 2010 Best of
49 by Request winner, before receiving the Restaurant and
50 Hospitality Association's prestigious Hospitality Manager of
51 the Year for the State of Alabama; in 2020, she received the
52 Best of Minority Business Award for nonprofits; in 2015, she
53 was nominated as one of al.com's Women Who Shape the State
54 Award and was named one of 2015's Top 40 Women of Influence
55 in the Southeast; in 2013, she was voted one of the Top 10
56 Powerhouse Women in the State of Alabama and received the



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57 Birmingham Spotlight Award along with the NAACP's Regional
58 2014's Women of Wisdom Award; now therefore,

59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
60 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That civil rights advocate, Catrena
61 Norris Carter, is highly commended for her many long-lasting
62 contributions and achievements over the course of her
63 career, and this resolution is offered to her as evidence of
64 our high regard and appreciation for her sustained advocacy
65 for civil rights in her community and all over the world.