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HR_____ COMMENDING JOHN AND MARY GARRETT ON BEING NAMED
WILLIE AND BETTY FARRIOR FAMILY FOUNDATION HONOREES.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are extended to John and Mary Garrett for being recognized as Willie and Betty Fariior Family Foundation Honorees for their many contributions to their community; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is named in honor of Willie Fariior, the first African American hired by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) and the first African American to be recognized as Blind Worker of the Year in 1973; in 1974, he was promoted to training instructor and became the first Black assistant supervisor for AIDB in 1979; in 2017, the foundation was established by his daughter, Mary Louise Fariior-White and grandson, Retired Colonel Cedrick A. Fariior; the foundation recognizes certain individuals who have selflessly contributed their time for the betterment of their community; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, John and Mary Garrett met at the Alabama School for the Blind from where they are graduates; throughout high school and college, their love remained strong for each other; Mary attended Mobile College while John attended Jacksonville State University; they were married in the summer of 1973 after they finished college; they are the proud parents of one daughter, Tracy, and one



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29 granddaughter; they are active members of Central Baptist
30 Church where John has been a member for 55 years, and they
31 both sing in the choir; and

32 WHEREAS, their community involvement includes the
33 Alabama School for the Blind Alumni Workers Association,
34 Talladega Antique Car Club, Talladega Community Theater, and
35 Alabama Retired Educators; Mary is very computer literate
36 and has won several service awards and faces many daily
37 activities with courage and success; now therefore,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
39 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest honors and
40 commendations are given to John and Mary Garrett for their
41 distinguished service in their community and for being
42 recognized as Willie and Betty Farrior Family Foundation
43 Honorees, and we offer this resolution as a token of our
44 gratitude and as evidence of our sincere appreciation and
45 high regard.