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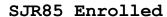


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4	SJR COMMENDING THE COOK MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE.
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6	WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
7	highest commendations are conveyed to the Cook Museum of
8	Natural Science in support of their mission to introduce the
9	natural world to students of all ages in North Alabama; and
10	WHEREAS, the Cook Museum of Natural Science began in
11	1968 when John Cook, Sr. opened his professional insect
12	collection to the public by appointment; and
13	WHEREAS, the Cook family, in 2016, expressed their
14	vision of the museum as a more engaging, exciting, and
15	educational experience for the next generation; the new Cook
16	Museum of Natural Science reopened as a nonprofit
17	organization on June 7, 2019; and
18	WHEREAS, today, the Cook Museum of Natural Science is
19	a 62,000 square foot, state-of-the-art natural science
20	museum with STEM classrooms and an exhibition space that
21	holds nine themed galleries, providing a hands-on, immersive
22	experience where kids can explore, interact with, and learn
23	about nature; some of the highlights that museum guests can
24	experience include an immersive cave experience; live
25	animals, including baby alligators, lizards, snakes,
26	insects, jellyfish, fresh and saltwater fish, an endangered
27	Kemp's ridley sea turtle; a forest exhibit with a climbing
28	tree; and much more; and



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29	WHEREAS, since its opening in 2019, the museum has
30	partnered with North Alabama schools to bring students to
31	its STEM classrooms; during 2023, the museum's total number
32	of visitors was 85,626 which includes 16,243 students from
33	72 cities and 19 Alabama counties; those numbers increased
3 4	to 86,725, with 18,764 of those being students from 90
35	cities and 21 Alabama counties; the program is so successful
36	and enriching for the students that the museum has plans to
37	raise funds to expand its STEM program; now therefore,
38	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
39	ALABAMA, That the Cook Museum of Natural History is highly
10	commended for bringing essential learning experiences to the
11	residents and students of North Alabama and designated to
12	serve as the North Alabama STEM Center as a partner in
13	education with North Alabama schools.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR85 Senate 29-Apr-25 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 01-May-25 By: Senator Orr