

HJR112 ENROLLED



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2 BYZPH4J-2
3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 10-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 RECOGNIZING THE BLACK PIONEERS OF MACON COUNTY.

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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound appreciation and deepest
6 admiration that we recognize four outstanding individuals
7 who have not only made a positive impact on the people of
8 Macon County, but they have also served as distinguished
9 pillars of a community that supports fairness, advancements,
10 and opportunities of all African Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, Lucy Mae Young Calloway, Walter Lee Cooley,
12 Johnnie Barnett Harrison, and Michael Wilson will be honored
13 for their contributions at noon on Saturday, February 21,
14 2026, at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Tuskegee,
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Lucy Mae Young Calloway was born in the Ft.
17 Davis community of Macon County and graduated from the
18 former Macon County Training School in Roba; Mrs. Calloway
19 joined Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church at an early age
20 and faithfully served in various capacities over the years;
21 she married her loving husband, James M. "Bud" Calloway in
22 August 1952, and they had 63 happy years together until Mr.
23 Calloway's death in 2015; Mrs. Calloway worked at John
24 Andrew Memorial Hospital until its closure, then was
25 employed with the Macon County/Tuskegee Public Library; she
26 was an original member of the The El Quien Sabe Social Club,
27 which hosted debutante balls in the 1960s and '70s; she is
28 also a member of the Eastern Star; and



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29 WHEREAS, Walter Lee Cooley was born in Randolph
30 County on August 25, 1928; following graduation, he elected
31 to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Armed
32 Forces; in April 1954, he married Tuskegee native Rosa
33 Allen, and they have enjoyed 71 blessed years of marriage;
34 Mr. Cooley retired after 20 years of honorable and
35 distinguished service, which included deployments during the
36 Korean and Vietnam conflicts, as well as teaching at West
37 Point Military Academy; after his military career, he served
38 as an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor for
39 Macon County schools for 20 years, spending most of that
40 time at his beloved South Macon High School; Deacon Cooley
41 has been a faithful member of the Shady Grove Missionary
42 Baptist Church in Tuskegee for more than 50 years; at 97
43 years old, he still keeps the church and cemetery grounds in
44 pristine condition; over the years, Mr. Cooley has also
45 owned several successful local businesses; and

46 WHEREAS, Johnnie Barnett Harrison was born on
47 December 25, 1936, in Roanoke, Alabama; she was educated in
48 the Macon County Public Schools and obtained Bachelor's and
49 Master's Degrees from Tuskegee University; she also earned
50 an Education Specialist Degree from Auburn University at
51 Montgomery; Ms. Harrison worked in various capacities for
52 the Macon County Public School System and the State of
53 Alabama, with her career in education spanning more than 40
54 years; in retirement, she continues to serve as a board
55 member for the Tuskegee Housing Authority, Macon County
56 Council on Rehabilitation, and Macon County Community



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57 Action; in addition, Ms. Harrison is a member of Zeta Phi
58 Beta Sorority's Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter and Phi Delta Kappa
59 Sorority; she is also a founding and very active member of
60 Bowen United Methodist Church; and

61 WHEREAS, Michael Wilson was born in Chicago,
62 Illinois, and moved with his family to Montgomery, Alabama,
63 as a child; upon graduation from high school, he attended
64 Alabama State University, earning a degree in Sociology in
65 1969; the same year, Mr. Wilson married the lovely Marion
66 Harrison; he worked as a teacher before entering the
67 corporate world as an Assistant Personnel Manager of a
68 textile mill in Anniston; he continued corporate employment
69 until he retired as Senior Vice President of Labo Relations
70 in 2009; throughout his career, Mr. Wilson was passionate
71 about helping seniors attain health insurance to meet their
72 needs; he worked tirelessly until he helped each of his
73 senior clients receive health insurance; and

74 WHEREAS, these four individuals have served Macon
75 County with exemplary devotion and impeccable character; now
76 therefore,

77 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
78 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we most highly commend Lucy
79 Calloway, Walter Cooley, Johnnie Harrison, and Michael
80 Wilson for their faithful dedication to their community, and
81 we extend to them our heartfelt gratitude and sincere best
82 wishes for continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in
83 their future endeavors.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 17-Feb-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

19-Feb-26

Adopted