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3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Rules
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4 HJR___ RECOGNIZING THE BLACK PIONEERS OF MACON COUNTY.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound appreciation and deepest
7 admiration that we recognize four outstanding individuals
8 who have not only made a positive impact on the people of
9 Macon County, but they have also served as distinguished
10 pillars of a community that supports fairness, advancements,
11 and opportunities of all African Americans; and

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

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



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also a member of the Eastern Star; and

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

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



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Council on Rehabilitation, and Macon County Community Action; in addition, Ms. Harrison is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter and Phi Delta Kappa Sorority; she is also a founding and very active member of Bowen United Methodist Church; and

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

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

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