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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING DR. EVELYN PENN AT THE ROSETTA JAMES  
FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS DAY" GALA.

WHEREAS, with great joy and special pleasure, we honor Dr. Evelyn Penn as the special guest at the Rosetta James Foundation's 20th Annual "Honoring Our Elders Day" Gala at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on Saturday, March 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is a native of Hillsboro, Alabama; she graduated salutatorian and matriculated to Alabama A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master of Science in Computer Science; she later received a Doctor of Theology degree from the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology, focusing on Pneumatology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Penn's life uniquely bridges faith and science; for more than 37 years, Dr. Penn served as an Aerospace Engineer at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center; her work places her among the pioneering African American women whose brilliance strengthened America's space program; simultaneously, she has devoted more than four decades to ministry, traveling nationally as a worship leader and teacher; she has reached many more students of theology through radio and television; she currently serves as an instructor at O.L. Meadows Bible College and is an active



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29 member of True Light Church of God in Christ; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
31 Sorority, Incorporated, and the mother of five and  
32 grandmother of eight; her life is a testimony to disciplined  
33 excellence and faith in action; and

34 WHEREAS, the mission of the Rosetta James Foundation  
35 is to honor the wisdom, service, and dedication of our  
36 cherished senior citizens; the "Honoring Our Elders Day"  
37 Gala is a heartfelt tribute to community and civic  
38 volunteers 70 years of age and above who have dedicated  
39 their lives to uplifting others and fostering positive  
40 change; these remarkable individuals exemplify the very  
41 spirit of compassion, leadership, and service that inspires  
42 us all; and

43 WHEREAS, this annual celebration not only shines a  
44 spotlight on these distinguished elders but also serves as a  
45 platform to invest in the next generation of agents for  
46 change; through the generous support of its attendees and  
47 donors, the Gala raises vital funds to provide scholarships  
48 for deserving students who embody the principles of  
49 volunteerism, academic excellence, and civic engagement;  
50 these outstanding students will also be recognized during  
51 the event, connecting their bright futures to the enduring  
52 legacies of those who came before them; and

53 WHEREAS, this year's Gala will be held at noon on  
54 Saturday, March 14, at the Jackson Center; the extraordinary  
55 contributions of our elders will be honored while future  
56 leaders will be empowered to continue building a legacy of



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57 service and excellence; now therefore,

58 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
59 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Evelyn Penn will be highly  
60 honored on an unforgettable afternoon filled with  
61 inspiration, celebration, and community, and we endeavor to  
62 continue uplifting and investing in those who make a  
63 difference, both today and tomorrow.