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HR_____ HONORING DR. BERNICE CARTER RICHARDSON AT THE ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS DAY" GALA.

WHEREAS, with great joy and special pleasure, we honor Dr. Bernice Carter Richardson 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. Richardson is a graduate of Alabama A&M University and The University of Alabama, earning degrees that culminated in a Doctor of Education in 1978; for more than 35 years, she taught and mentored students at Alabama A&M University, serving as Coordinator of Human Development, Department Chair, Associate Dean, and accreditation leader; she contributed to the renaming of the Home Economics program to Family and Consumer Sciences and introduced the university's first distance learning courses; she also led renovation efforts and co-directed the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute; in 1999, she helped establish the first Family Center in Huntsville serving public housing needs through a university partnership, an initiative that continues to strengthen families today; and

WHEREAS, she devoted more than five decades to education and community advancement in North Alabama; after



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29 retirement, she launched the Presidential Bus Recruitment
30 Tour, which is now in its 13th year; she is a Professor
31 Emerita, scholarship namesake, and former president of the
32 Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; she
33 remains active in church and civic leadership; she and her
34 husband Robert Richardson are proud parents and
35 grandparents; her legacy reflects visionary leadership,
36 lifelong service, and generational impact through education;
37 and

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

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



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57 WHEREAS, this year's Gala will be held at noon on
58 Saturday, March 14, at the Jackson Center; the extraordinary
59 contributions of our elders will be honored while future
60 leaders will be empowered to continue building a legacy of
61 service and excellence; now therefore,

62 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
63 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Bernice Carter Richardson
64 will be highly honored on an unforgettable afternoon filled
65 with inspiration, celebration, and community, and we
66 endeavor to continue uplifting and investing in those who
67 make a difference, both today and tomorrow.