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HR_____ HONORING MRS. LINDA CASSELMAN AKENHEAD AT THE ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS DAY" GALA.

WHEREAS, with great joy and special pleasure, we honor Mrs. Linda Casselman Akenhead 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, Mrs. Akenhead was born in San Diego and raised in Bakersfield; she attended California State University for a time and decided to move east and enroll at The University of Alabama, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Foods and Nutrition; after passing the National Dietetics exam, she began her career as a Clinical Dietitian at the UAB Hospital in Birmingham, where she met her husband, Dr. Akenhead; she completed her master's degree at The University of Alabama at Birmingham and, although the couple moved to Montgomery and back to Birmingham, they settled in Huntsville, where they raised their two sons and became embedded in the growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Akenhead has long been devoted to the arts and community service; a lifelong musician, she plays flute and piano, often performing for weddings and church events; she became deeply involved with the Huntsville



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29 Symphony Orchestra and the Huntsville Museum of Art; she has
30 also served Huntsville in numerous leadership roles,
31 including Trustee for Randolph School, Chair of Vive Le
32 Livre for the Library Foundation, board member of Huntsville
33 Hospital Foundation and Millennium Society Founder,
34 Christian Women's Job Corps, Blount Hospitality House, and
35 First United Methodist Church, where she has served in
36 multiple ministries; and

37 WHEREAS, Mrs. Akenhead's meaningful contributions to
38 community service have had a profound impact on the arts,
39 health care, and scores of women with mentorship and
40 compassion through the job corps; she holds the philosophy
41 that giving back is both a privilege and a responsibility,
42 ensuring future generations enjoy the same rich
43 opportunities they have cherished; and

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

53 WHEREAS, this annual celebration not only shines a
54 spotlight on these distinguished elders but also serves as a
55 platform to invest in the next generation of agents for
56 change; through the generous support of its attendees and



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57 donors, the Gala raises vital funds to provide scholarships
58 for deserving students who embody the principles of
59 volunteerism, academic excellence, and civic engagement;
60 these outstanding students will also be recognized during
61 the event, connecting their bright futures to the enduring
62 legacies of those who came before them; and

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

68 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
69 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Linda Casselman Akenhead
70 will be highly honored on an unforgettable afternoon filled
71 with inspiration, celebration, and community, and we
72 endeavor to continue uplifting and investing in those who
73 make a difference, both today and tomorrow.