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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING MS. LYNNE BERRY AT THE ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS DAY" GALA.

WHEREAS, with great joy and special pleasure, we honor Ms. Lynne Berry 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, Ms. Berry, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, is a distinguished nonprofit and community leader whose career spans more than 40 years of service across North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Berry's remarkable career includes service with The Nature Conservancy, Historic Huntsville Foundation, and HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, where she led transformational fundraising efforts, increased revenue by 400 percent, and expanded the donor base significantly; since 2019, she has served at the Huntsville Hospital Foundation, directing its planned giving program and securing long-term support through estate gifts and charitable instruments; as Founding Executive Director of The Community Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County, she built the organization from inception, growing assets to \$9.9 million and distributing \$2.2 million in grants; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Berry is active on numerous civic



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29 boards; her public service also includes work with NASA's  
30 Marshall Space Flight Center, Senator Jeff Sessions,  
31 Congressman Bud Cramer, and the Madison County Tourism  
32 board; some of the most notable accolades and awards she has  
33 received include, but are in no way limited to, the 2024  
34 Martin Luther King Unity Award, the Wayne Greenhaw Award  
35 from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, and NASA's  
36 Exceptional Achievement Award, reflecting a lifetime devoted  
37 to stewardship and community advancement; 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 Ms. Lynne Berry will be highly  
64 honored on an unforgettable afternoon filled with  
65 inspiration, celebration, and community, and we endeavor to  
66 continue uplifting and investing in those who make a  
67 difference, both today and tomorrow.