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15 Shaver, Shaw, Shirey, Simpson, Smith, Sorrells, Stadthagen,
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HR _____ HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BARBARA CURRY-STORY.

WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in honoring the distinguished life and legacy of Barbara Curry-Story, a courageous trailblazer whose strength and perseverance helped shape the course of history in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Curry-Story, born Barbara Crook on November 24, 1941, in Ohatchee, Alabama, was raised during segregation and overcame significant barriers through determination and a strong commitment to education and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1965, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement and during the final years of Jim Crow, she made history as the first African American student to attend Jacksonville State University,; and

WHEREAS, after growing up and attending school in Alabama, she spent five years in New York before returning home as a young single mother determined to build a better future for her child; she enrolled at Jacksonville State University and commuted daily under difficult and often intimidating circumstances, remaining resolute in her pursuit of higher education; and

WHEREAS, upon entering Angle Hall for her first class, she was met not with public protest, but with silence



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29 and isolation; nevertheless, through quiet strength, she
30 forged connections, earned respect among her peers, and
31 ultimately found a sense of belonging within the campus
32 community; and

33 WHEREAS, under the mentorship of future university
34 president Dr. Theron Montgomery, she excelled academically
35 and, in 1969, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education with
36 a concentration in vocational home economics; and

37 WHEREAS, immediately following her graduation, she
38 began a distinguished and impactful career with Alabama
39 Power, where she served for over three decades, breaking
40 barriers as one of the first women of color in technical and
41 advisory roles, and contributing meaningfully to her
42 profession and community; and

43 WHEREAS, beyond her professional accomplishments, she
44 was a devoted mother to her children, Starla and Joseph; the
45 beloved wife of Civil Rights leader Henry Curry for 23
46 years; and later, the cherished wife of Roger Story for five
47 years; and

48 WHEREAS, her legacy was rightfully commemorated
49 through the dedication of a historic marker at Jacksonville
50 State University on February 1, 2023, ensuring that her
51 courage and contributions will never be forgotten and will
52 continue to inspire generations to come; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
54 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are privileged to honor the
55 enduring life and legacy of Barbara Curry-Story, and this



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56 resolution is offered in highest tribute and deepest
57 appreciation.