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HR_____ COMMENDING MS. JAWANA JACKSON AND THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD RELOCATING THE HISTORIC JACKSON HOME.

WHEREAS, the Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Home documents the inspiring story of a courageous family and community at the forefront of one of the most momentous campaigns in United States history, the Selma to Montgomery marches of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Home, originally from Selma, Alabama, and now more than 100 years old, is a unique time capsule where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders made historic plans to ensure that all Americans would have the civil rights and voting rights promised to them; their tireless efforts, spotlighted on national and world stages, would eventually lead to the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, acquired the Jackson Home in 2023, at the request of the Jacksons' daughter, Jawana Jackson, who was five years old at the time of the Civil Rights Movement; Ms. Jackson asked The Henry Ford to relocate and elevate her historic childhood home, giving it an enduring place in Greenfield Village; and

WHEREAS, that fall, the home's contents, which



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29 included more than 9,000 artifacts, were carefully removed
30 for conservation; the house was then taken apart and loaded
31 onto trailers for its monumental 1,060-mile move to
32 Michigan; the home arrived in Greenfield Village in 2024,
33 with teams preparing a new foundation, positioning and
34 reassembling the house, making repairs and replacements, and
35 connecting electrical and plumbing systems; and

36 WHEREAS, the home is now located on Maple Lane
37 between the George Washington Carver Memorial and the
38 William Holmes McGuffey Birthplace, joining the village's
39 Porches & Parlors district; the Jackson Home comes to The
40 Henry Ford with inspiring stories of resilience, family,
41 community, and activism; it will become the first home to be
42 added to the village in more than 40 years; and

43 WHEREAS, the Jackson Home and its contents are a
44 remarkable fusion of the ordinary and the epic, including a
45 maple dining table around which civil rights leaders, U.S.
46 congressmen, and two Nobel Peace Prize winners broke bread
47 and shared dreams; an upholstered armchair where Dr. King
48 sat as he watched President Lyndon Johnson pledge to pass
49 voting rights legislation faces a black-and-white
50 television; in this home, visitors will learn how a
51 committed group of idealists worked together to advance
52 American principles and bring liberty, justice, and rights
53 within the reach of all Americans; and

54 WHEREAS, in preparation for the Jackson Home's June
55 12, 2026, grand opening, The Henry Ford is restoring the
56 home to its appearance in 1965, a landmark year in the fight



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57 for civil and voting rights that included pivotal moments of
58 activism; and

59 WHEREAS, as efforts continue to conserve and digitize
60 artifacts, design exhibits, and bring the Jackson Home's
61 stories forward, The Henry Ford is committed to programming
62 that will bring this structure to life for in-person
63 visitors and online learners worldwide; now therefore,

64 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
65 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we commend Ms. Jawana Jackson
66 and The Henry Ford Museum for their vision of preserving and
67 sharing the legacy of the historic Jackson Home and helping
68 shape a brighter future for generations to come.