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3 By Senators Singleton, Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,
5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,
6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr,
7 Price, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnut, Smitherman, Stewart,
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SJR___ HONORING SUE THOMPSON ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNVEILING OF HER PORTRAIT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW.

WHEREAS, it is with great privilege and highest commendation that we recognize Sue Thompson, a distinguished attorney and trailblazer in the legal profession, on the occasion of the unveiling of her portrait at The University of Alabama School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Sue Thompson made history as the first Black woman admitted to and to graduate from The University of Alabama School of Law, earning her degree in 1974 during a time of significant change in Alabama and the nation; and

WHEREAS, her groundbreaking achievement helped open doors for future generations of students and attorneys, marking an important milestone in the advancement of diversity and inclusion within the legal profession and higher education; and

WHEREAS, following her graduation, Ms. Thompson became a founding member of one of the first Black law firms in Tuscaloosa, alongside Booker T. Forte, Jr., and retired Circuit Judge John H. England, Jr., demonstrating her commitment to expanding opportunity and representation in the legal field; and

WHEREAS, throughout a legal career spanning more than



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29 four decades, she has dedicated her work to advocating on
30 behalf of low-income and marginalized communities, often
31 collaborating with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund to address
32 issues related to school desegregation and equal educational
33 opportunity in Alabama; and

34 WHEREAS, her advocacy and leadership have also
35 reflected a deep commitment to strengthening public
36 education and ensuring that the principles of justice and
37 equality remain central to the legal system; and

38 WHEREAS, the unveiling of Ms. Sue Thompson's portrait
39 at The University of Alabama School of Law, to be displayed
40 outside the Law Library, stands as a lasting tribute to her
41 pioneering accomplishments and serves as an inspiration to
42 students, faculty, and visitors who will learn from her
43 example of perseverance, courage, and dedication to justice;
44 now therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
46 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend Sue Thompson for
47 her historic achievements and we congratulate her on the
48 unveiling of her portrait at The University of Alabama
49 School of Law and recognize this honor as a fitting tribute
50 to her lasting impact and distinguished career.