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HR_____ COMMENDING MICHAEL SCALES ON BEING NAMED A WILLIE AND BETTY FARRIOR FAMILY FOUNDATION HONOREE.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are extended to Michael Scales for being recognized as a Willie and Betty Fariior Family Foundation Honoree for his many contributions to his community; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is named in honor of Willie Fariior, the first African American hired by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) and the first African American to be recognized as Blind Worker of the Year in 1973; in 1974, he was promoted to training instructor and became the first Black assistant supervisor for AIDB in 1979; in 2017, the foundation was established by his daughter, Mary Louise Fariior-White and grandson, Retired Colonel Cedrick A. Fariior; the foundation recognizes certain individuals who have selflessly contributed their time for the betterment of their community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Scales is a member of Talladega First Methodist Church, serving as an usher and a member of the SPR Committee; he is also a member of the Whosoever Will Men's Bible Class, where he is the event coordinator for the class' annual cookout and annual antique car show benefiting the Colonel Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home; and

WHEREAS, Michael also serves on the Board of



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29 Directors for the Red Door Kitchen, volunteers at the
30 Talladega Health Care and Rehabilitation Select (Nursing
31 Home), Director of Bible Study Ministry and Activities for
32 over 17 years, holds the position as the Board Vice Chairman
33 of the State Board of Directors for ANSC, served as past
34 Worshipful Master of the Knoxville Lodge #650, is currently
35 the Associate Worthy Patron of the Elizabeth Chapter #447 of
36 the Order of the Eastern Star, holds the position of Chair
37 of Trustees as a member of the College City Elks Lodge
38 #1171, and has adopted the Commissioner's Park Boys and
39 Girls Club as a mentor through motivational speeches and
40 providing the participants with gifts of clothing and
41 refreshments when needed; and

42 WHEREAS, Michael teaches Sunday School to 50 men who
43 are in the Fresh Start Recovery Program; this program
44 prepares the men for re-entering society and to work on
45 obtaining their GED; most importantly, he teaches them about
46 the love of Christ and how vital it is for them to have God
47 in their lives; now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest honors and
50 commendations are given to Michael Scales for his
51 distinguished service in his community and for being
52 recognized as a Willie and Betty Farris Family Foundation
53 Honoree, and we offer this resolution as a token of our
54 gratitude and as evidence of our sincere appreciation and
55 high regard.