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3 By Representatives Robinson (O), Scott, Coleman-Evans, Givan,  
4 McAdory, Todd, Newton (D), Moore (M) and Rogers  
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
COMMENDING ANGELA Y. DAVIS.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations are herein proudly presented to Angela Y. Davis on her significant contributions to social justice through her activism and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, notably, her work as an educator, both at the university level and in the larger public sphere, has always emphasized the importance of building communities of struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her extensive career, Professor Davis has taught at San Francisco State University, Mills College, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Vassar, the Claremont Colleges, and Stanford University; currently, she serves as a Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness, an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, and of Feminist Studies at UC-Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, she has authored nine books and has lectured throughout the United States as well as in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America; in recent years, a persistent theme of her work has entailed the range of social problems associated with incarceration and generalized criminalization of those communities that are most affected by

1 poverty and racial discrimination; she draws upon her own  
2 experiences in the early seventies as a person who spent 18  
3 months in jail and on trial, after being placed on the FBI's  
4 "Ten Most Wanted List"; her recent publications include  
5 Abolition Democracy, Are Prisons Obsolete?, a new edition of  
6 Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, and a collection  
7 of essays titled The Meaning of Freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, Professor Davis is a founding member of  
9 Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to the  
10 dismantling of the prison industrial complex, and is  
11 affiliated with Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization  
12 based in Queensland, Australia, that works in solidarity with  
13 women in prison; she is especially concerned with the general  
14 tendency to devote more resources and attention to the prison  
15 system than to educational institutions; and

16 WHEREAS, she will be honored by the Birmingham  
17 Chapter NAACP for the 50th Anniversary for the Alabama Civil  
18 Rights Movement; and

19 WHEREAS, through the years, Professor Davis has  
20 earned respect for her tireless dedication and exceptional  
21 abilities, and she has enriched the lives of many with her  
22 fortitude and concern for humanity; her remarkable work  
23 reflects immense honor upon the entire State of Alabama, and  
24 she is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Angela Y. Davis is highly  
3           honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her  
4           in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
5           best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

