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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

RECOGNIZING DR. FELICIA A. BELL FOR HER RECORD OF EXCELLENCE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROSA PARKS MUSEUM AT TROY UNIVERSITY MONTGOMERY.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to honor and commend those individuals who have made an indelible impact on society through an innate desire to invoke positive changes in communities and lives and through scholarly pursuits, art, and an admirable sense of advocacy and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Felicia A. Bell is such a remarkable individual whose accomplishments we take pride in recognizing; and

WHEREAS, since entering her esteemed position as Director of the Rosa Parks Museum at Troy University Montgomery, Dr. Bell has secured proper housing for rare objects in the museum's collection, garnered national and international attention for the museum through major media outlets during the 60th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and accepting a gift of rare and out-of-print African American magazines from the 1950s and 1960s on behalf of the museum; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bell is a well-known advocate for the preservation of African American heritage, and research she

1 conducted for her dissertation gained attention from Congress;
2 in 2007, she delivered an expert testimony before the U.S.
3 House of Representative's Committee on House Administration
4 about the use of enslaved and free black craftsmen to
5 construct the U.S. Capitol, which was instrumental in the
6 creation of a bill to name the Capitol Visitor Center's great
7 hall, "Emancipation Hall"; she has advised and served numerous
8 prominent committees and is a charter member of the
9 Association for the Study of African American Life and
10 History's Captstone Branch as well as the National Museum of
11 African American History and Culture; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell has earned many accolades
13 including selection as a seminarian for Developing History
14 Leaders at the Seminar for Historical Administrations, a
15 visiting scholar at Georgia Southern University's Visual
16 History Summer Institute, a Capitol Fellow with the Office of
17 the Architect of the Capitol/U.S. Capitol Historical Society
18 in Washington, D.C., and as a resident scholar in the
19 Institute for Constitutional Studies at George Washington
20 University School of Law; in addition, she has numerous
21 scholarly lectures and publications to her credit; and

22 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Bell has earned
23 respect for her tireless dedication and exceptional abilities;
24 her outstanding record of excellence reflects tremendous

1 credit upon Montgomery and the entire State of Alabama, and
2 she is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Felicia A. Bell is highly
5 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
6 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
7 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

