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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING MILES COLLEGE'S 126TH FOUNDERS' DAY.

WHEREAS, Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama, will celebrate its 126th Founders' Day on March 8, 2024; upon this occasion, we offer special recognition and heartiest congratulations to the students, parents, staff, faculty, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Miles College is a private, historically Black college in Fairfield, Alabama; founded in 1898 by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, it was chartered in 1905 as Miles Memorial College in honor of Bishop William H. Miles; and

WHEREAS, the founders had a vision of creating an institution where Birmingham's young Black students could be transformed through rigorous study, scholarly inquiry, and spiritual awareness; the college immediately began to enable graduates to become responsible citizens ready to shape society; and

WHEREAS, looking ahead to its 126th year, Miles College remains steadfast in its mission to empower minds and transform communities; they are actively rallying support for the Miles College Comprehensive Fundraising Community Development Fund, with a goal to raise \$25 million; these funds will bolster scholarships, enhance



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29 academic programs, renovate infrastructure, fortify  
30 endowment, and drive community development initiatives,  
31 ensuring a brighter future for all; and

32 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Bobbie  
33 Knight, Miles College continues to uphold its legacy of  
34 academic distinction while embracing the boundless  
35 opportunities of tomorrow; and

36 WHEREAS, the 126th Founders' Day celebration will be  
37 held at First Baptist Church of Fairfield at 11:00 A.M. on  
38 March 8, 2024, in order to honor their heritage and  
39 celebrate their ongoing journey of excellence; delivering  
40 the keynote is Dr. Thomas Beavers, pastor of New Rising  
41 Star; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
43 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of outstanding  
44 achievements, and on the occasion of its 126th Founders' Day  
45 Celebration, highest commendation is herein extended to  
46 Miles College, along with sincere best wishes for continued  
47 success in all future endeavors.