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4 Bracy, Brown (C), Brown (K), Chestnut, Clarke, Coleman,
5 Crawford, Daniels, Dismukes, Drake, Drummond, Easterbrook,
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7 Gaston, Givan, Gray, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes, Harbison,
8 Hatcher, Hollis, Holmes, Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Isbell,
9 Jackson, Johnson, Jones (S), Kitchens, Lawrence, Ledbetter,
10 Lipscomb, Lovvorn, Marques, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon,
11 McMillan, Meadows, Mooney, Moore (M), Morris, Nordgren,
12 Oliver, Pringle, Rafferty, Rich, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe,
13 Sanderford, Scott, Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith,
14 Sorrell, Sorrells, South, Stringer, Sullivan, Treadaway,
15 Wadsworth, Warren, Wheeler, Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox, Wingo,
16 Wood (D) and Wood (R)
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8 COMMENDING DR. HAROLD A. FRANKLIN, AUBURN
9 UNIVERSITY'S FIRST BLACK STUDENT, ON RECEIVING HIS MASTER'S
10 DEGREE.

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12 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
13 extending highest commendation to Dr. Harold A. Franklin of
14 Talladega, Alabama, who will receive his Master's Degree on
15 May 1, 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1964, Harold A. Franklin became the
17 first African American student at Auburn University; he was
18 admitted under heavy guard and was kept isolated from other
19 students in campus housing; although obstacles of the era
20 prevented Dr. Franklin from completing his degree at Auburn,
21 he went on to graduate with honors from Alabama State
22 University, to earn a Master's Degree in History at the
23 University of Denver, and later pursue a renowned career in
24 Higher Education at many institutions; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin taught and held administrative
26 posts at The Alabama State University, North Carolina A and T
27 University, Tuskegee University, and Talladega College from

1 1965, until retiring from education in 1992; in 2001, 37 years
2 after leaving the university, he was awarded an Honorary
3 Doctorate of Arts from Auburn University; he is currently a
4 resident of Sylacauga, Alabama, manager of a mortuary in
5 Talladega, Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, the Harold A. Franklin Society was founded
7 in 2008, on Auburn University's main campus by Kel Jackson and
8 several other young African American men with only one goal in
9 mind: improving the retention of minority males at Auburn
10 University; the purpose of the society is to enhance the
11 academic, social, and professional development of
12 underrepresented male Auburn University students; and

13 WHEREAS, the Motto of the Harold A. Franklin Society
14 is "Guidance Through Unity"; its focus is to develop a unified
15 coalition of students across Auburn's campus that are serious
16 about improving themselves and the world around them; the
17 members are dedicated to its pledge, "We strive to be leaders
18 that excel in every area of life, and servants who never
19 abandon the communities that have served us"; and

20 WHEREAS, with his tireless dedication and
21 exceptional skills, Dr. Harold A. Franklin personifies the
22 finest qualities of those who enrich the lives of our young
23 people through the noble vocation of education; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Harold A. Franklin is
26 honored and commended in recognition of his outstanding
27 achievements in the field of education and on receiving his

1 Master's Degree, and this resolution is offered to him in
2 highest tribute and deepest appreciation, along with best
3 wishes in all of his future endeavors.