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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING LEILA HUBBARD FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE RILEY CENTER.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations are conveyed to Leila Hubbard for her many years of volunteer service to The Riley Center; and

WHEREAS, the United Community Center, commonly known as The Riley Center for its location in the Riley-Travellick neighborhood, was established in 1903 as a service organization for the wives and children of men who worked in Birmingham's mines and factories; and

WHEREAS, the center is now a partner agency of United Way of Central Alabama and is a source of support socialization, assistance, and education for the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, nonagenarian, Leila Hubbard, has lived in the Riley-Travellick neighborhood almost her entire life and has been strongly connected to The Riley Center for many of those years; her father worked for the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company; she married at 16 years of age, graduated from Powderly High School in 1945, and raised eight children in the neighborhood that the center still serves; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hubbard began volunteering at the center in the 1980s when she began helping with a food



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29 cooperative by preparing and distributing meals to the  
30 community; by 1989, she was 62 and began visiting the center  
31 for its service to seniors almost every day; the center was  
32 a second home to her, and the people who used the center  
33 looked to her as family; and

34 WHEREAS, early on, Mrs. Hubbard was very active in  
35 The Riley Center's sewing classes; the center is known for  
36 its quilting and much of the wall space is taken up by  
37 quilts made by the center's visitors; and

38 WHEREAS, now, Mrs. Hubbard focuses her time at the  
39 center on socialization and fellowship; she arrives before  
40 10 a.m. to read from the Bible and gather with other seniors  
41 for a devotional; she sometimes gives a quiz on the lesson  
42 and awards a prize to the winner; she carries the fellowship  
43 into the lunch hour with a game of bingo; Mrs. Hubbard knows  
44 that it means a lot to people for her to visit and  
45 fellowship with them; and

46 WHEREAS, in the many years that Leila Hubbard has  
47 given in service to The Riley Center and its visitors, she  
48 has helped to build a community of servant leaders that have  
49 influenced new generations, including the center's current  
50 Executive Director, Theresa McGhee Johnson, who began as a  
51 volunteer in 1981; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest commendations and  
54 honors are conveyed to Leila Hubbard for her many years of  
55 service to The Riley Center and this resolution is offered  
56 in highest tribute to her good character and with sincere



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57 appreciation for her generous spirit and best wishes for  
58 continued blessings.