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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 HONORING JAMES SHERMAN MCFADDEN AND AMANDA FORD
9 FINDLEY MCFADDEN FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF
10 THOMASVILLE, CLARKE COUNTY, AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
13 presented to the family of the late James Sherman and Amanda
14 Findley McFadden on the occasion of the momentous Black
15 History Program of the Clarke County Historical Society
16 meeting held at the A.L. Martin Building in Thomasville,
17 Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, James Sherman McFadden was born May 16,
19 1879, in Beatrice, Alabama, to the union of Baccus and Rosetta
20 McFadden, and Amanda Findley was born February 1, 1888, in
21 Campbell, Alabama, to the union of Tom and Alice Findley; and

22 WHEREAS, James Sherman and Amanda Findley McFadden
23 were married 68 years and left behind a beautiful, enduring
24 legacy of land to their family and fellow community members,
25 the McFadden Memorial Gardens Cemetery; and

1 WHEREAS, James Sherman and Amanda Findley McFadden
2 reared their children in their home on Tallahatta Springs Road
3 and supported them through teaching and farming; and

4 WHEREAS, they are the parents of Sherman, Beatrice,
5 Hatdix, Fred, Alice, George, Andrew, Charles, Rosetta, Thomas,
6 Willie, and Billie; and

7 WHEREAS, in the 1930's, James Sherman and Amanda
8 Findley McFadden made land available to the City of
9 Thomasville for a school and park for Black children; and

10 WHEREAS, James Sherman and Amanda Findley McFadden
11 were distinguished educators; Amanda taught in Thomasville,
12 Choctaw Corner, and Grove Hill, while James traveled to
13 Morvin, Winn, Dixon Mills, and other nearby communities;
14 several of their children became educators; and

15 WHEREAS, James Sherman and Amanda Findley McFadden
16 were community activists who gave their time, talents, and
17 resources to improve the lives of those in the community;
18 James was a Mason and Amanda was an Eastern Star member; and

19 WHEREAS, James Sherman and Amanda Findley McFadden
20 were faithful and dedicated members of Williams Temple C.M.E.
21 Church; James served as a steward and Amanda as a stewardess;
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23 WHEREAS, they were patriotic American sending five
24 sons to serve their country during World War II; and

25 WHEREAS, a bust was erected and dedicated to honor
26 the life and legacy of James Sherman and Amanda Findley

1 McFadden in June 2016 at the McFadden Park in Thomasville,
2 Alabama; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That James Sherman and Amanda
5 Findley McFadden are highly honored and commended, and this
6 resolution is offered in their honor to their family in
7 deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best
8 wishes and continued blessings to the McFadden Family.