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3 By Representatives Hall, Blackshear, Boothe, Buskey, Howard,
4 Boyd, Bandy, Forte, Clarke, Drummond, Warren, Lawrence,
5 McClammy, McCampbell, England and Knight
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8 RECOGNIZING DR. FELICIA A. BELL FOR HER RECORD OF
9 EXCELLENCE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROSA PARKS MUSEUM AT TROY
10 UNIVERSITY MONTGOMERY.

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

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Felicia A. Bell is such a remarkable
18 individual whose accomplishments we take pride in recognizing;
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20 WHEREAS, since entering her esteemed position as
21 Director of the Rosa Parks Museum at Troy University
22 Montgomery, Dr. Bell has secured proper housing for rare
23 objects in the museum's collection, garnered national and
24 international attention for the museum through major media
25 outlets during the 60th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus
26 Boycott, and accepting a gift of rare and out-of-print African

1 American magazines from the 1950s and 1960s on behalf of the
2 museum; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Bell has earned
27 respect for her tireless dedication and exceptional abilities;

1 her outstanding record of excellence reflects tremendous
2 credit upon Montgomery and the entire State of Alabama, and
3 she is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

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