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3 By Senator Little (Z)
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4 ENROLLED, SJR19,

5 RENAMING THE MULTIPURPOSE ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL
6 EDUCATION COMPLEX AT ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY THE JOE L. REED
7 ACADOME.
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9 WHEREAS, in 1991, the Alabama State University Board
10 of Trustees adopted the following resolution recognizing the
11 many contributions made by Dr. Joe L. Reed to ASU and honoring
12 Dr. Reed by naming the ASU Academic and Physical Education
13 Complex the Joe L. Reed Acadome:

14 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed, having entered
15 Alabama State University in 1958, distinguished himself as
16 president of the Junior Class, chief justice of the Student
17 Supreme Court, president of the Student Government
18 Association, chairman of its Constitution Committee, and as
19 one of the first students to lead the civil rights sit-in
20 movement in 1960; and

21 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed graduated from
22 Alabama State University in 1962, taught in the public schools
23 of Alabama, served as a student activities administrator at
24 Alabama State University, and received his master's degree
25 from Case Western Reserve University; and

"WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed served as executive secretary of the Alabama State Teachers Association (ASTA) from 1964 until the 1969 merger with the Alabama Education Association (AEA); and since has served as associate executive secretary of AEA; and

"WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed, as executive secretary of ASTA and associate executive secretary of AEA, has distinguished himself as a champion and fighter for teacher and other employee rights in education, has held numerous positions in the National Education Association (NEA), having served on the Drafting Committee for the NEA Constitution Convention, chairman of the Dushane Fund, the national fund for protection of members' rights, and president of the National Council of State Education Associations; and

"WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed has served as a political reformer to advance and increase the number and effectiveness of black political officeholder at the municipal, county, state, and national levels since 1970 as the chairman of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) and as a member of the Montgomery City Council since 1975, has represented Alabama at the Democratic National Convention in 1968, 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1988, and subsequent conventions, and addressed that Convention in 1972 and 1984; and

1 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed was named by the
2 June 1991 issue of Business Alabama Monthly as one of the 10
3 most influential people in Alabama; and

4 "WHEREAS, in 1983 the Honorable Joe L. Reed drafted
5 the first Alabama Legislative Reapportionment Plan to be
6 approved by the Legislature, the Justice Department, and the
7 federal courts that increased black representation from 13 to
8 19 in the House of Representatives and from three to five in
9 the Senate. Largely through his work, Alabama has more black
10 elected officials than any other of these United States; and

11 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed drafted the
12 Reapportionment Plan that led to the first two blacks being
13 elected to the Alabama State Board of Education since 1874;
14 and

15 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed has played a
16 significant role in electing many white persons of good will
17 to public office in Alabama; and

18 "WHEREAS, when the Legislature considered \$310
19 million in the 1985 Public School and College Authority bond
20 issue for capital outlay with only \$3 million allotted for the
21 Physical Education Complex, the Honorable Joe L. Reed, as a
22 member of the board of trustees for Alabama State University,
23 led the effort and persuaded Gov. George C. Wallace to commit
24 \$15 million to the allocation for Alabama State University and

1 made possible the realization of the multipurpose "Academic
2 and Physical Education Complex;" and

3 "WHEREAS, when the university was in need of
4 additional dormitories and had no available state funds, the
5 Honorable Joe L. Reed initiated, through Representative John
6 L. Buskey, District 77, a 1962 graduate of the university, and
7 Senator Charles Langford, District 26, and pushed through the
8 Legislature a bill authorizing the board of trustees to sell
9 construction bonds for Martin Luther King Jr. Hall and Bessie
10 Sears Estell Hall and additional bonds to supplement the \$12
11 million received in construction bonds for the multipurpose
12 complex; and

13 "WHEREAS, for more than 25 years the Honorable Joe
14 L. Reed has demonstrated loyalty, love and support for Alabama
15 State University by successfully fighting for increased
16 funding in the Alabama Legislature; supporting establishment
17 of a separate board of trustees; and maintaining a strong
18 commitment for Alabama State University's growth and
19 excellence; and

20 "WHEREAS, the board recognizes these unique
21 contributions of the Honorable Joe L. Reed to the university
22 and to the large society; and now therefore

23 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the board of
24 trustees for Alabama State University that the multipurpose

1 "Academic and Physical Education Complex" be named the "Joe
2 L. Reed Acadome".

3 "Adopted by the ASU board of trustees in its meeting
4 on Sept. 13, 1991, at Montgomery"; and

5 WHEREAS, the recognitions and commendations made by
6 the ASU Board of Trustees in its 1991 resolution in honor of
7 Dr. Reed are as valid today as they were in 1991; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Reed has made many additional positive
9 contributions to the betterment of ASU since the passage of
10 the 1991 ASU Board of Trustees' resolution, including the
11 following:

12 a. He worked diligently through the ASU president
13 and board members to successfully expand the campus in
14 Montgomery by 75 acres by acquiring the Bel Aire Community
15 stretching from Hall Street to Pineleaf Street and Carter Hill
16 Road to Interstate 85. As a result of the successful land
17 acquisition, the university was able to add several important
18 structures, including the School of Education building, the
19 Life Science building, the Maintenance Shop, and relocation of
20 the Nat King Cole Birthplace house.

21 b. He obtained a million dollars from the
22 Administration of Governor Don Siegelman, and while continuing
23 to work through the ASU president and board, provided the
24 means by which the university was able to purchase band
25 uniforms, build a weight room for the physical education and

1 athletic departments, and renovate the Human Resource Office
2 and the Board Cabinet Room in Council Hall.

3 c. He successfully persuaded the ASU president and
4 board to purchase the Southern Normal School properties in
5 Escambia County that consisted of 400 acres and eleven
6 buildings.

7 d. As Chair of the Board of Trustees' Committee on
8 Finance and Property, he initiated the first funding for
9 construction of the School of Education's new 95,000
10 square-foot building.

11 e. He saved ASU thousands of dollars by recommending
12 that the used bricks and building materials salvaged from the
13 demolition of certain buildings in the Bel Aire Community be
14 carried to the Southern Normal School to help repair existing
15 buildings on that campus, which practice exemplified sound
16 fiscal management of resources.

17 f. He was successful in obtaining additional monies
18 from state legislators for the purpose of renovating buildings
19 located on the Southern Normal campus.

20 g. He was successful in obtaining additional funding
21 that was needed by the university to jointly construct with
22 the Criminal Justice Center the current Forensic Sciences
23 Building. In obtaining this funding, Dr. Reed worked closely
24 and cooperatively with the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives, Mr. Jimmy Clark, and also with the Chair of

1 the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Bill Fuller, and ASU
2 graduate Representative John Knight.

3 h. He was successful in keeping ASU fiscally sound
4 during his chairmanship of the ASU Board and as chair of the
5 Committee on Finance and Property.

6 i. He has been an outstanding spokesman for and
7 representative of Alabama State University for over 50 years,
8 exceeding the expectations which could be made of any citizen,
9 and his unswerving loyalty, dedication, and promotion of
10 education at the ASU campus has been a great asset for all
11 citizens. In January 2009, Dr. Reed was named by the
12 Tuscaloosa News as one of Alabama's 12 most influential
13 citizens; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Academic and Physical
16 Education Complex on the campus of Alabama State University is
17 named the Joe L. Reed Acadome. Alabama State University
18 officials are instructed to take appropriate action to
19 implement this resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be
20 provided to the President and the Board of Trustees of Alabama
21 State University so that they are formally informed of our
22 expectations regarding this matter and our firm determination
23 to closely and fully monitor this situation.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
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