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17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams
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HONORING THE LATE MARGARET CHARLES SMITH ON THE
OCCASION OF HER INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA WOMEN'S HALL OF
FAME.

WHEREAS, we note with appreciation that the late
Mrs. Margaret Charles Smith will be inducted into the Alabama
Women's Hall of Fame on March 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, born September 12, 1906, to Beulah Sanders,
who died just three weeks after giving birth, Mrs. Smith was
reared by her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Charles; she attended
school at a one-room schoolhouse in Eutaw; and

WHEREAS, obtaining her licenses to practice
midwifery in 1949, Mrs. Smith is known to have delivered more
than 3,500 babies over her 38-year career; despite serving a
largely undernourished and overworked population, Mrs. Smith
never lost a mother and lost only very few babies in
childbirth; she delivered her last baby at the age of 75 in
1981, but continued to pass on her knowledge of the
traditional art of midwifery; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1983, Mrs. Smith became the first
2 African-American to receive the keys to the City of Eutaw; in
3 1996, she coauthored the book, "Listen To Me Good"; Mrs. Smith
4 was honored by the Congressional Black Caucus in 2003 and
5 given a lifetime achievement award at the first Black Midwives
6 and Healers' Conference in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith remains a legend in her field
8 who left an indelible impression on thousands of Alabamians;
9 now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor the late Mrs.
12 Margaret Charles Smith on the occasion of her induction into
13 the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame and that, by copy of this
14 resolution, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation
15 to her family.