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8 Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham, Grantland,
9 Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon, Harper, Hill,
10 Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson,
11 Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love,
12 Martin, Mask, McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin,
13 McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican,
14 Mitchell, Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Oden, Page, Robinson
15 (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Sherer, Shiver,
16 Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Treadaway,
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18 and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 11-MAR-10

CONGRATULATING A.H. PARKER HIGH SCHOOL ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS 110TH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, we note with great appreciation that A.H.
Parker High School will celebrate its 110th anniversary on May
8, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 1899, a coalition of citizens of
Birmingham, under the leadership of Dr. W.R. Pettiford and
Mrs. B.H. Hudson, both of the African-American-owned Alabama
Penny Savings Bank, petitioned the Board of Education to
establish a government supported school for African-American
students; as a result of their efforts, the Board established
Negro High School in the Summer of 1900; Dr. Arthur Harold
Parker was appointed Principal and the school in opened
September 1900, in a single room at the corner of Avenue H and
14th Street South, with an enrollment of 18; by the end of the
1900-1901 school year, enrollment had increased to 45
students; and

WHEREAS, in 1910, Negro High School was relocated to
8th Avenue and renamed Industrial High School; and

1 WHEREAS, upon the retirement of Dr. Parker in 1939,
2 Industrial High School was renamed A.H. Parker High School in
3 honor of his decades of service to the school and its
4 students; the school bears his name to the present day; and

5 WHEREAS, A.H. Parker High School has been
6 continuously accredited since first receiving official
7 accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and
8 Secondary Schools in 1953; and

9 WHEREAS, A.H. Parker High School is a monument to
10 the progress of African-Americans in Alabama and the United
11 States; many of Alabama's foremost artists, athletes, and
12 statesman attended the historic institution; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby congratulate the
15 students, faculty, alumni, and families of A.H. Parker High
16 School in Birmingham on the occasion of the school's 110th
17 anniversary.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
19 resolution shall be presented to Dr. Spurgeon Banyard, eighth
20 Principal of A.H. Parker High School, as a memento of this
21 special recognition.