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3 By Representatives Moore (P) and Coleman
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8 HONORING THE CITY OF HUEYTOWN ON ITS 50TH
9 ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend
12 commendations and congratulations to the City of Hueytown on
13 the occasion of its 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 6,
14 2010, at Hueytown City Hall; and

15 WHEREAS, a Golden Anniversary Banquet has also been
16 scheduled by the Hueytown Chamber of Commerce on April 26,
17 2010, at North Highlands Baptist Church, with Guest Speaker
18 Eli Gold; and

19 WHEREAS, the history of Hueytown dates to its
20 founding in the 1870s, while the City of Hueytown was
21 incorporated on May 6, 1960, and comprises more than 14 square
22 miles of residential and commercial properties, both suburban
23 and rural; and

24 WHEREAS, the first Mayor was Majors Nordan, and the
25 elected aldermen were Joel P. Campbell, Prude Cowen, Sr., R.
26 Graham Wall, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson Durrett, and David N.

1 Kornegay; in addition, Frank Lester was named as Hueytown's
2 first Public Safety Director; and

3 WHEREAS, on January 31, 1963, the City Hall was
4 formally opened, and many milestones followed; in 1965, Mayor
5 Wallace Watson appointed the first City Library Board; during
6 the term of Mayor P. E. Darden, the form of City Government
7 was changed to Districts, with councilmen representing
8 designated districts; in 2000, during the term of Mayor Gerald
9 Hicks, the Hueytown Senior Citizens Activity Center was
10 established; and

11 WHEREAS, under the direction of present Mayor Delor
12 Baumann and City Council Members Phillip Contorno, Phifer
13 Crane, Carole D. Marks, Michael Pickens, and Ray Roberson, the
14 City of Hueytown continues to grow and prosper; the City's
15 records are kept by City Clerk and Treasurer Janice Wilhite;
16 on the State level, Hueytown is represented in Montgomery by
17 Representative Pat Moore, Representative Merika Coleman,
18 Senator Charles Bishop and Senator Priscilla Dunn; and

19 WHEREAS, Hueytown is justifiably proud of the many
20 citizens who have achieved national renown; race car drivers
21 Bobby Allison, Donnie Allison, and Charles "Red" Farmer are
22 regarded as NASCAR legends as original members of the "Alabama
23 Gang," a trio who set up shop in Hueytown and were dominant
24 throughout the 1960s and early 1970s; in 1973, Jimmy Means
25 joined the gang; beginning in 1979, their sons and
26 contemporaries began racing and also became known as members
27 of the Alabama Gang, including Bobby's son, Davey Allison, and

1 fellow Hueytown residents Neil Bonnett and David Bonnett; Hut
2 Stricklin, who married Donnie's daughter, became the last
3 member of the Alabama Gang; and

4 WHEREAS, all of the original members of the Alabama
5 Gang have been inducted into the International Motorsports
6 Hall of Fame; Davey Allison's little brother, Clifford
7 Allison, followed the Alabama Gang tradition but, while
8 practicing for a race in Michigan, his car spun out in Turn
9 Four and he was killed; Davey Allison died in a helicopter
10 crash at Talladega Superspeedway in 1993; then Neil Bonnett
11 died while practicing for the 1994 Daytona 500; Bobby Allison
12 retired in 1988 after suffering injuries in a race at Pocono
13 Raceway that nearly cost him his life; Charles "Red" Farmer
14 the oldest member of the Gang, was injured in the helicopter
15 crash that took Davey Allison's life, but recovered and
16 continues to race at short tracks today, well into his 70s;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Hueytown memorialized the racers by
19 renaming its main street Allison-Bonnett Memorial Drive; there
20 are other tributes to the Gang around the city, including
21 Davey Allison Boulevard and Red Farmer Drive, and certain
22 local businesses have also paid tribute to the famous drivers;
23 a Honda automobile dealership located in Hueytown was named
24 Neil Bonnett Honda for many years but was renamed Serra Honda
25 in 2006; additionally, the Seal of the City of Hueytown
26 features two checkered flags, acknowledging the large part
27 racing has played in the city's history; and

1 WHEREAS, a number of distinguished public figures
2 have links to Hueytown; Senator Richard Shelby is a proud
3 graduate of Hueytown High School, as is State Superintendent
4 of Education Dr. Joe Morton; and

5 WHEREAS, Medal of Honor recipient Henry E. "Red"
6 Erwin showed dramatically how willing he was to sacrifice his
7 life to save the crew of his B29 Superfortress, and his young
8 son grew up to become our friend and colleague, Alabama State
9 Senator Hank Erwin; and

10 WHEREAS, Hueytown is indeed a City of "Pride,
11 Patriotism, and Progress"; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the City of Hueytown is
14 honored and commended on the occasion of celebrating its 50th
15 Anniversary, and by copy of this resolution for appropriate
16 presentation and display, we convey our highest tribute along
17 with heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future.