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3 By Senator Allen
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8 HONORING THE 2010 INDUCTEES INTO THE TUSCALOOSA
9 COUNTY CIVIC HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and pleasure that
12 we recognize five new inductees into the Tuscaloosa County
13 Civic Hall of Fame, an honor for citizens who have made broad
14 and lasting contributions to the overall progress and quality
15 of the Tuscaloosa community and have generously contributed to
16 the development of the community; and

17 WHEREAS, noted with highest honor is the induction
18 of James Fleming, Shelley Jones, Nona Joyce Sellers, Charlie
19 Oliver Sealy, Sr., and Frankie Taylor Thomas into the
20 prestigious Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame held at the
21 Hotel Capstone on February 23, 2011, in front of the largest
22 gathering in the 10-year history of the event; and

23 WHEREAS, James Fleming, who leads by example, is a
24 founder of the Bank of Tuscaloosa and current President and
25 CEO of First National Bank of Central Alabama; he co-chaired
26 the capital campaign that raised \$10 million toward the
27 completion of the DCH Cancer Center; and

1 WHEREAS, Shelley Jones, a dedicated education
2 professional, served 32 years as teacher, curriculum
3 associate, principal, and on the Board of Education; Mrs.
4 Jones served as the first female chair of the Tuscaloosa
5 County Board of Education; and

6 WHEREAS, Nona Joyce Sellers became the first female
7 assistant principal at Tuscaloosa County High School; she
8 served as principal of Holt High School and Hillcrest High
9 School before becoming Superintendent of the Tuscaloosa County
10 School System; she also served as an adjunct professor of
11 educational leadership at the University of Alabama; Mrs.
12 Sellers, who died in 2004, established the Education
13 Excellence Foundation, a nonprofit corporation that continues
14 to provide financial assistance to teachers and classrooms in
15 Tuscaloosa County; and

16 WHEREAS, Charlie Oliver Sealy, Sr., built a career
17 in real estate development that spanned six decades before his
18 death in 2010; he held leadership positions in the
19 Homebuilders of Tuscaloosa and the Alabama Real Estate
20 Association; he was instrumental in forming the Tuscaloosa
21 County Industrial Development Authority, serving as Chairman
22 and Director of the Authority; and

23 WHEREAS, before her death in 2010, Frankie Taylor
24 Thomas was an outstanding teacher, librarian, administrator,
25 and religious leader; she worked as a teacher at Coaling High
26 School and Fayette County Training School before becoming the
27 first black faculty member and librarian at the University of

1 Alabama in 1969; with her husband, she co-founded the Mount
2 Galilee Baptist Church in Northport where she served in many
3 roles, including, Sunday school teacher and youth director;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the people of Alabama are indeed proud to
6 recognize these 2010 inductees for outstanding service,
7 leadership, and contributions to Tuscaloosa County and to the
8 State of Alabama; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That upon their induction into the
11 Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame, and in recognition for
12 their outstanding leadership, service, and contributions to
13 the citizens of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, highest commendation is
14 hereby accorded to James Fleming, Shelley Jones, Nona Joyce
15 Sellers, Charlie Oliver Sealy, Sr., and Frankie Taylor Thomas
16 for whom a copy of this resolution shall be presented with
17 tribute and esteem.