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

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

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

WHEREAS, James Fleming, who leads by example, is a founder of the Bank of Tuscaloosa and current President and CEO of First National Bank of Central Alabama; he co-chaired the capital campaign that raised \$10 million toward the 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.