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3 By Senator Allen  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 08-MAR-11

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4 ENROLLED, SJR28,

5 HONORING THE 2010 INDUCTEES INTO THE TUSCALOOSA  
6 COUNTY CIVIC HALL OF FAME.

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

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

20 WHEREAS, James Fleming, who leads by example, is a  
21 founder of the Bank of Tuscaloosa and current President and  
22 CEO of First National Bank of Central Alabama; he co-chaired  
23 the capital campaign that raised \$10 million toward the  
24 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

1 School and Fayette County Training School before becoming the  
2 first black faculty member and librarian at the University of  
3 Alabama in 1969; with her husband, she co-founded the Mount  
4 Galilee Baptist Church in Northport where she served in many  
5 roles, including, Sunday school teacher and youth director;  
6 and

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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Adopted: 29-MAR-11

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