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8 POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING DR. JAMES C. BAILEY, LONGTIME
9 PRESIDENT OF WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN HANCEVILLE.
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11 WHEREAS, Dr. James C. Bailey served as president of
12 Wallace State for 32 years, from 1971 to 2003, retiring on
13 April 30, 2003; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey's career in education spanned 43
15 years, beginning as a teacher at Fairview High School in 1960
16 before being appointed by Dr. Ben Johnson as an instructor at
17 what was then called the Wallace State Trade School; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey oversaw the college's initial
19 SACS accreditation and the college's transformation into a
20 comprehensive community college; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey aggressively pursued federal
22 funding opportunities that allowed the campus to grow into the
23 college that would become the crown jewel of the Alabama
24 Community College System; and

25 WHEREAS, through his expert guidance, Dr. Bailey
26 helped the college grow from its original 11 instructors, 10
27 departments, and 59 students to a student body of

1 approximately 4,800 with 35 plus buildings on a campus of more
2 than 200 acres; and

3 WHEREAS, known as a preeminent campus builder, one
4 of Dr. Bailey's crowning achievements was the completion of
5 Tom Drake Coliseum, which celebrated its 10th Anniversary in
6 2003; it became a draw for bringing many large events to
7 campus, most notably the Alabama High School Athletic
8 Association's Northwest Regional High School Basketball
9 Tournament, which continues to draw an annual attendance of
10 approximately 25,000 visitors; and

11 WHEREAS, his legacy is memorialized in the James C.
12 Bailey Center, the 12-story building in the heart of the
13 campus that was completed in 1994 and houses admissions and
14 financial aid as well as administrative offices, classrooms,
15 and conference facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, other notable facilities constructed under
17 his leadership include a Wellness Center completed in 1995 and
18 equipped with a weight room, cardiovascular equipment,
19 racquetball courts, aerobics rooms, gymnasiums, and
20 classrooms; a Library completed in 1986; a Health Science
21 Building completed in 2002 to house the dental assisting and
22 hygiene programs and computer laboratories; and

23 WHEREAS, the Wallace State Aviation Flight
24 Technology program was initiated in February 1978 and a
25 helicopter training program was added in 1992; it is one of
26 two flight programs in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, during Dr. Bailey's tenure, Wallace State
2 became known as a leader in the field of health care
3 education, offering more associate degree allied health
4 programs than any other college in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, the College's first health care program,
6 licensed practical nursing, established in 1967, and its
7 highly regarded associate degree nursing program, established
8 in 1973, both celebrated 30th anniversaries during Dr.
9 Bailey's tenure; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey believed in the role athletics
11 played not only in a comprehensive college experience, but
12 also in allowing talented students, who might not otherwise be
13 able to attend college, to pursue an academic career; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey entered the role of athletic
15 director in 1982 and held that position until his retirement;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, the college had won
18 more Alabama Community College Conference All-Sports Trophies
19 than any other college; and

20 WHEREAS, Wallace State produced five national
21 championship teams; one Olympic medalist; many state
22 championships and numerous academic All-Americans during Dr.
23 Bailey's tenure; and, one of the earliest programs, women's
24 basketball, celebrated 25 years during the 2002-2003 season;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey was a past two-time president of
27 the Alabama College System Presidents' Association, a member

1 of the Athens State University Advisory Board, Chairman of the
2 Board of Regions Bank-Cullman, past-president of the Cullman
3 Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Trustees of the
4 Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation, member
5 of the Foundation Board at Cullman Regional Medical Center,
6 served as the first Chairman of the Cullman County Industrial
7 Development Board, member of the Outlook XXI Committee, served
8 as a former board member of the Alabama Diabetes Trust Fund,
9 Inc., Chairman of the Leukemia Association for Cullman County,
10 Chairman of the Cullman County Heart Association Drive, and
11 Chairman for the March of Dimes Drive, just to name a few; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his active life, Dr. Bailey
13 remained an avid farmer, and was known for supplying tomatoes
14 for The All Steak's fried green tomatoes; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey's legacy lives on at the College
16 and in his wife Ann, their two daughters, Gina Bailey McKell,
17 and Beth Bailey Pappas, and five grandchildren; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on this day we honor the
20 legacy of Dr. James C. Bailey and his contributions to Wallace
21 State Community College and the great State of Alabama.