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8 COMMENDING MR. CHARLES RICHARD VEDANE FOR RECEIVING
9 A 2014 ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION PIONEER AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Mr. Charles "Chuck" Richard
13 Vedane on his outstanding achievement of receiving a 2014
14 Rosetta James Foundation Pioneer Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Richard Vedane will be
16 recognized at The Rosetta James Foundation's "Honoring Our
17 Elders" Celebration, which is named in honor of an
18 extraordinary native of Akron, Alabama, Mrs. Rosetta James,
19 who has positively impacted countless lives through active
20 citizenship and selfless service; and

21 WHEREAS, an exemplary native of Iowa, Mr. Vedane
22 cultivated a distinguished career in aeronautics; and

23 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned immense
24 respect for contributing his expertise to the Army Ballistic
25 Missile Command in Huntsville, Alabama, where he was
26 responsible for systems testing of Jupiter and Jupiter RandD
27 ICBMS; Marshall Space Flight Center, where he tested Mercury

1 Redstone 1 and 2 and the early Saturn 1 vehicles; and Teledyne
2 Brown Engineering, where he organized and managed a Space
3 Operations Department that would eventually employ about 220
4 people and also served as technical director for Systems
5 Integration with the responsibility of managing 330 people;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Vedane has striven to attain better
8 relations across religious, racial, and cultural differences
9 in the interfaith religious community for many years; in 1963,
10 he became involved in church and community affairs in response
11 to the racial strife throughout the nation as a member of
12 Trinity Methodist Church; he prepared a letter from Trinity's
13 Sunday School Class to the newly elected Governor George C.
14 Wallace informing him that the Governor's historic "stand in
15 the schoolhouse door" at The University of Alabama did not
16 meet their approval; and

17 WHEREAS, he represented Trinity Methodist Church
18 during the organization and formation of an interfaith
19 cooperative known as the Interfaith Mission Service, which
20 aims to help the member congregations grow their capability
21 and capacity to provide direct services and systematic change
22 in the areas of social justice, racial, and interreligious
23 relations; and

24 WHEREAS, his magnanimous volunteer efforts have
25 centered around organizations including the Huntsville
26 Emergency Line Program (HELPline); the Huntsville Interfaith
27 Volunteer Transportation Service (HIVTS), later absorbed the

1 Senior Center; Care Assurance System for the Aging (CASA); and
2 AL Impact, a faith-based statewide organization to educate the
3 public and advocate for improved public policies in the area
4 of social welfare and justice; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Vedane served with much honor and
6 distinction in the United States Army; he earned a Bachelor of
7 Science Degree in Aeronautics from St. Louis University's
8 Parks College of Aeronautical Technology and he secured an
9 airframe and engine license and a private pilot's license; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Vedane's hard work, ingenuity, and
11 civic contributions espouse the meritorious qualities of the
12 Rosetta James Foundation and reflect immense honor upon the
13 entire State of Alabama; he is truly deserving of the
14 significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Charles Richard Vedane is
17 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
18 to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
19 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.