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3 By Representatives Mooney, Treadaway, Wood and Martin  
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8 RECOGNIZING JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE  
9 OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
12 Jefferson State Community College, one of Alabama's premier  
13 two-year colleges, on the momentous occasion of its 50th  
14 Anniversary; and

15 WHEREAS, on May 3, 1963, Jefferson State Junior  
16 College was established as one of 12 junior colleges  
17 authorized by the State Legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, Jefferson State Junior College opened with  
19 the enrollment of approximately 1,200 freshmen on September  
20 30, 1965, under the leadership of President Leroy Brown; and

21 WHEREAS, Jefferson State Community College, which  
22 has provided excellence in education and workforce training  
23 for the greater Birmingham area for half of a century, offers  
24 more than 120 university transfer programs, 20 career programs  
25 with multiple options, and numerous certificate programs; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1989, the college's name was changed to  
27 Jefferson State Community College; other highlights of the

1 institution's distinguished history include the first  
2 commencement held with Governor Lurleen B. Wallace addressing  
3 graduates; in its third year of existence, earning initial  
4 accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern  
5 Association of Colleges and Schools, marking it as the first  
6 junior college in the state to receive national accreditation;  
7 its gymnastic teams placing first at the NJCAA National  
8 Women's Gymnastics Championship in 1977 and 1978; the men's  
9 basketball team finishing as runner-up in the NJCAA National  
10 Men's Basketball Championship; being named one of the top ten  
11 digital community colleges in the country in 2011; and the  
12 Building and Construction Science Program winning first place  
13 in the National Association of Home Builders' Residential  
14 Construction Management Competition in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, notably, Jefferson State Community College  
16 hosted an Anniversary Celebration at the Shelby-Hoover campus  
17 to commemorate 50 years of changing lives on May 7, 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to excellence  
19 in the rewarding field of education, Jefferson State Community  
20 College reflects immense credit upon the entire State of  
21 Alabama; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Jefferson State Community  
24 College is highly honored and commended, and this resolution  
25 is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with  
26 sincere best wishes for the future.