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3 By Representatives Mooney, Treadaway, Wood and Martin
4 RFD: Rules
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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.