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3 By Representatives Hall and Daniels
4 RFD:
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8 RECOGNIZING ERA BRAKE FOR OUTSTANDING LIFETIME
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Era Brake for outstanding
13 lifetime achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, Era Brake was born as one of 11 children to
15 the union of Riley and Florence Townsend on January 16, 1914;
16 she is the only living sibling; and

17 WHEREAS, as a child, Era crossed a railroad track
18 each day to attend the Council School; she attended school
19 until the fifth grade, during which time she began working
20 with Ms. W.I. Thomason performing domestic services and she
21 selflessly gave her earnings to her mother; and

22 WHEREAS, Era had the distinction of being the first
23 person baptized at the Franklin Street Church of Christ,
24 currently known as Blue Spring RD Church of Christ; and

25 WHEREAS, Era married Charlie Brake in 1946 and they
26 reared four wonderful children, John, Charles-Etta, Ellie, and
27 Glenda; Era instilled within her children the importance of

academics; her beloved and devoted husband, Charlie, died on April 16, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Era's life has been further enriched by her 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Era contributed exceptional direction as a fundraiser coordinator for Southwestern Christian College for many years; she is a strong believer in obtaining a solid, Christian education; and

WHEREAS, Era Brake has inspired and earned the respect of many through her tireless dedication, exceptional abilities, and steadfast character; a pillar of the community, she is truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Era Brake is honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued blessings.