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3 By Representatives Boyd, Clarke, Drummond, Collins, Warren,
4 Givan, Wilcox, Moore (M), Nordgren, Beech, Rowe, Alexander,
5 Hall, Weaver and Todd
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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY
9 MONTH AND THE 2017 HONOREES.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and pleasure that
12 we recognize March 2017 as National Women's History Month; the
13 theme "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business" is
14 an appropriate way to acknowledge the accomplishments of the
15 women to be specifically honored in 2017, and those who will
16 follow in their footsteps; and

17 WHEREAS, among the honorees in 2017 are Alexis
18 Herman, Former Secretary of Labor; Lilly Ledbetter, Equal Pay
19 Activist; Kate Mullany, who organized the first all-female
20 labor union; Lucy Gonzalez Parsons, labor organizer and
21 socialist leader; and Maggie Lena Walker, businesswoman and
22 community banking leader; and

23 WHEREAS, we are justly proud that two Alabamians,
24 Alexis Herman and Lilly Ledbetter, are honorees who have
25 distinguished themselves in the face of stark inequalities for
26 women in the workplace; and

1 WHEREAS, born in Mobile, Alabama, Alexis Herman,
2 began her career helping young people through Catholic
3 Charities; she was appointed by President Carter to the
4 Women's Bureau of the Labor Department; she was the first
5 African American woman to serve as an assistant to the
6 President as the Director of the White House Office of Public
7 Liaison; and she has also served as a valued member of the
8 National Economic Council; and

9 WHEREAS, Lilly Ledbetter spoke out for equal pay for
10 women after learning that she was paid significantly less than
11 men performing the same job; she learned of this inequity
12 after working 19 years with a company and took legal action
13 against her long-time employer; she fought numerous court
14 battles and became an activist urging women and minorities to
15 fight for their civil rights; in 2009, the Lilly Ledbetter
16 Fair Pay Act became law in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, indeed, the earnest efforts and significant
18 successes of talented women are brightly reflected on a daily
19 basis by the continuing progress, compelling pride, and
20 constant promise of countless individuals; the people of
21 Alabama are indeed proud to recognize these 2017 honorees for
22 outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to the role
23 of women in business and the community and to recognize March
24 2017 as National Women's History Month in Alabama; now
25 therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution, we extend

1 sincere best wishes to all of the 2017 honorees and others for
2 continued success in all future endeavors.