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3 By Representative Morrow
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8 COMMENDING FRANKLIN COUNTY ON ITS BICENTENNIAL
9 CELEBRATION.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Franklin County on the momentous occasion of its
13 200th birthday celebration; and

14 WHEREAS, the celebration will begin on February 6,
15 2018 with an unveiling of the Franklin County Historical
16 Marker that will be placed at the Franklin County Archives
17 Building located in Russellville, Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2018, the county will hold a
19 Pioneer Days Festival at Sloss Lake in Russellville featuring
20 live history demonstrations; and

21 WHEREAS, Franklin County, named in honor of Benjamin
22 Franklin, was established by the Alabama Territorial
23 Legislature in February 1818; and

24 WHEREAS, Franklin County, rich in business and
25 industry, is home to Tiffin Motorhomes, Sunshine Mills,
26 Sunshine Homes, Gates Rubber, G and G Steel, and Pilgrim's
27 Pride; and

1 WHEREAS, it is rich in nature with camping, hiking
2 trails and water recreation at Bear Creek Lakes, Dismals
3 Canyon, Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park, Cypress Cove Farm,
4 and North Alabama Birding Trail; and

5 WHEREAS, Franklin County is rich in attractions with
6 King's Drive-in, Red Bay Family Water Park, Red Bay Museum,
7 and the Historic Roxy Theater; and is known as the Watermelon
8 Capital of Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, according to a 2000 census, Franklin County
10 has a population of 31,704 residents; and

11 WHEREAS, Franklin County is governed by the Franklin
12 County Commission which is chaired by its Probate Judge and
13 four commissioners; and

14 WHEREAS, celebration of 200 years is a huge
15 milestone and Franklin County is proud of its thriving
16 businesses, quality schools, fertile lands, and its services
17 to the residents who consider it a great place to live, work,
18 and play; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Franklin County is highly
21 honored and commended on the occasion of its Bicentennial
22 Celebration, and this resolution is offered with deepest
23 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes
24 for a momentous bicentennial celebration.