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10 Harper, Henry, Hill, Hollis, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,  
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13 McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B),  
14 Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos,  
15 Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells,  
16 Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway,  
17 Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R),  
18 Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P) and Wingo  
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20 First Read: 25-APR-17

8 COMMENDING DR. ART BACON FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.  
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
12 are herein proudly presented to Dr. Art Bacon, who has retired  
13 after 40 years of professional service on the science faculty  
14 and administration at Talladega College; he is now a Talladega  
15 College Professor Emeritus of the National Sciences and  
16 Humanities and is actively enjoying his second career and  
17 passion as an artist; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Bacon earned degrees from Talladega  
19 College and Howard University before performing postdoctoral  
20 research at the University of Miami and the Lawrence Radiation  
21 Laboratory at U. C. Berkeley; he joined the faculty at  
22 Talladega College in 1969 and during his tenure there held  
23 several positions; and

24 WHEREAS, first serving as an educator at Talladega  
25 College, Dr. Bacon served as Chair of the Biology Department,  
26 and retired as Provost and Vice President for Academic  
27 Affairs; he also represented the faculty on the Board of

1 Trustees for over 15 years and developed skills as a grant  
2 writer raising millions of dollars for art and science; and

3 WHEREAS, his love for art has continued throughout  
4 his life and some of his paintings and drawings have been  
5 exhibited in New York, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile,  
6 Montgomery, Nashville, and West Palm Beach; his subjects of  
7 choice are generally older and neglected people whose  
8 experiences show in their faces; his art is greatly influenced  
9 by his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement; and

10 WHEREAS, noting the affinity between art and  
11 science, Dr. Bacon chose science for his professional career  
12 and art for his passion; he has received numerous awards and  
13 recognitions including the Armstrong Award for Creative  
14 Ability, Tenneco Award for Teaching, Man of the Year for  
15 Talladega College Faculty and Staff, Realizing Mountaintop  
16 Award, and the Augusta Savage Award; he was inducted into the  
17 National Black College Hall of Fame and has been featured in  
18 magazines, including Southern Living, Lakeside, and  
19 Excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, his record of excellence and service  
21 reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; the  
22 contributions of Dr. Bacon to art and science are numerous and  
23 valuable and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now  
24 therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his  
27 exceptional record of service, Dr. Art Bacon is honored and

1        commended and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to  
2        him along with best wishes for success in all future  
3        endeavors.