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3 By Representatives Boyd, Hurst, Johnson (R), Wood, Brown,
4 Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech,
5 Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Bracy, Buskey, Butler, Carns,
6 Chesteen, Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman, Collins,
7 Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, Ellis, England,
8 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,
9 Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison,
10 Harper, Henry, Hill, Hollis, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
11 Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Jones, Knight, Lawrence,
12 Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn, Martin, McCampbell,
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
19 RFD:
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

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

WHEREAS, his love for art has continued throughout

his life and some of his paintings and drawings have been

exhibited in New York, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile,

Montgomery, Nashville, and West Palm Beach; his subjects of

choice are generally older and neglected people whose

experiences show in their faces; his art is greatly influenced by his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, noting the affinity between art and

science, Dr. Bacon chose science for his professional career

and art for his passion; he has received numerous awards and

recognitions including the Armstrong Award for Creative

Ability, Tenneco Award for Teaching, Man of the Year for

Talladega College Faculty and Staff, Realizing Mountaintop

Award, and the Augusta Savage Award; he was inducted into the

National Black College Hall of Fame and has been featured in

magazines, including Southern Living, Lakeside, and

Excellence; and

WHEREAS, his record of excellence and service

reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; the

contributions of Dr. Bacon to art and science are numerous and

valuable and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now

therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his

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.