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8 COMMENDING THE DRIVING FORCE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB ON  
9 CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to the Driving Force Women's Golf Club on  
13 celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, during its first decade, the Driving Force  
15 Women's Golf Club has cultivated a powerful legacy of  
16 introducing golf to African American women in central Alabama  
17 and providing a structured format to learn the game, play the  
18 game, and compete with other women's golf organizations  
19 throughout the South; and

20 WHEREAS, the remarkable initiative's roots are  
21 traced to the spring of 2006 when Sandy Osborne convinced  
22 Alabama State University's first lady, Margie L. Lee, to take  
23 golf lessons with her which transpired Margie's vision for the  
24 first Africa American women's golf league in Montgomery,  
25 Alabama; Margie, Sandy, Essie McGhee, and Hattie Robinson  
26 wrote the foundation by-laws and mission statement to begin  
27 the new league; and

1                   WHEREAS, forty-two women attended the charter  
2 meeting of the Driving Force Women's Golf Club on January 27,  
3 2007, at Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery, Alabama; and

4                   WHEREAS, among its numerous achievements, the  
5 Driving Force Women's Golf Club became the first organized  
6 African American Women's Golf Club in Montgomery and in  
7 Alabama, became the largest African American Women's Golf Club  
8 in Montgomery and in Alabama with a membership of 83 members  
9 the first year and a sustained membership of nearly 60 women,  
10 became a diverse Women's Golf Club in Montgomery and in  
11 Alabama with Korean and Caucasian members, became a member of  
12 the Alabama Golf Association, and became a competitive women's  
13 league in Montgomery with an outreach extending to Tennessee;  
14 and

15                  WHEREAS, six truly extraordinary Presidents of the  
16 Driving Force Women's Golf Club have included Margie L. Lee,  
17 Essie McGhee, Sandy Osborne, Valerie Smedley, Kim Davis, and  
18 Olivia Anderson-Gibson; and

19                  WHEREAS, through the years, the Driving Force  
20 Women's Golf Club has earned widespread respect and admiration  
21 for making a positive impact on many lives within the  
22 community and beyond, and with an unwavering commitment to  
23 excellence, the outstanding entity reflects immense credit  
24 upon the entire State of Alabama; now therefore,

25                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Driving Force Women's  
27 Golf Club is highly honored and commended, and this resolution

1 is offered to its members in deepest admiration and  
2 appreciation for their inspiring legacy, as well as with  
3 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
4 endeavors.