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3 By Representative Lawrence  
4 RFD:  
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CELEBRATING 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ALABAMA-TOMBIGBEE RIVERS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, a group of county, city, and state officials from Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Washington, and Wilcox Counties met Friday, August 28, 1970, for the purpose of forming an area regional planning and development commission and on July 1, 1971, Sumter County was admitted for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, Judge Josiah R. Bonner, Wilcox County, was unanimously voted chairman and stated "today is an important day in the history of this area of Alabama, and this group would start a movement that would work for the betterment of all concerned"; and

WHEREAS, On October 13, 1971, Governor Albert Brewer certified a petition for certification of the Alabama-Tombigbee Rivers Regional Planning Commission (ATRC) pursuant to Section 3 of Act No. 1126, Regular Session 1969, Legislature of Alabama; and

1               WHEREAS, ATRC serves to strengthen the counties and  
2 cities within its regions by identifying and studying  
3 problems, reviewing and coordinating plans and proposals, and  
4 recommending appropriate policies and actions; and

5               WHEREAS, ATRC today is the certified agent of  
6 several state and federal services such as the Economic  
7 Development Administration, Delta Regional Authority, Rural  
8 Transportation Planning Organization (RPO), Rural  
9 Transportation Service Provider, Area Agency on Aging, and the  
10 Revolving Loan Fund; and

11              WHEREAS, these services have enhanced the quality of  
12 life, health and welfare, economic development, and public  
13 infrastructure for hundreds of thousands of people served by  
14 ATRC; now therefore,

15              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That each county shall receive a  
17 copy of this resolution to be appropriately displayed in the  
18 county courthouse; and the children of Judge Josiah Bonner, Jo  
19 Bonner, Judy Bonner, and Jimmy Bonner shall each receive a  
20 copy honoring their father as the First ATRC Chairman.