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3 By Representative Lawrence  
4 RFD:  
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8 CELEBRATING 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
9 ALABAMA-TOMBIGBEE RIVERS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.  
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11 WHEREAS, a group of county, city, and state  
12 officials from Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Marengo,  
13 Monroe, Perry, Washington, and Wilcox Counties met Friday,  
14 August 28, 1970, for the purpose of forming an area regional  
15 planning and development commission and on July 1, 1971,  
16 Sumter County was admitted for the same purpose; and

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

22 WHEREAS, On October 13, 1971, Governor Albert Brewer  
23 certified a petition for certification of the  
24 Alabama-Tombigbee Rivers Regional Planning Commission (ATRC)  
25 pursuant to Section 3 of Act No. 1126, Regular Session 1969,  
26 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.