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3 By Representative Chestnut
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4 HR_____ COMMENDING SADIE MAE SIMMONS MITCHELL MOSS AT THE
5 FOURTH ANNUAL FOOT SOLDIERS CELEBRATION FOR HER
6 CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.
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8 WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and pleasure that
9 we celebrate and remember Sadie Mae Simmons Mitchell Moss at
10 the Fourth Annual Foot Soldiers Celebration for her lasting
11 contributions to the Civil Rights Movement; and

12 WHEREAS, Sadie Moss was born on January 19, 1942, to
13 the late Frances and Walter Simmons in Orrville, Alabama;
14 her family moved to Selma when she was just two years old;
15 she attended elementary school at Selma University and Clark
16 Elementary School before going on to high school at R.B.
17 Hudson High School; she continued her education at Alabama
18 State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science
19 Degree, a Master Degree, and an Education Specialist Degree;
20 her educational journey began at Selma University, and she
21 has spent much of her life in service to the youth of Selma
22 and Dallas County; and

23 WHEREAS, for over 50 years, she has been dedicated to
24 educating the young people in her community; she has worked
25 as a teacher, a counselor, and now as the Director of the
26 McRae Gaines Learning Center, a position she has held since
27 2005; she now has the privilege of working with children
28 from 12 months to seven years old, whom she affectionately



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29 calls her "babies"; and

30 WHEREAS, in recognition of her many years of
31 dedication, the school's summer learning program was named
32 in her honor in 2018; the program, called the "Sadie Moss
33 Summer Learning Institute," provides critical learning
34 opportunities in English, mathematics, the arts, and
35 physical activity for children ages four to eight; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition to her work in education, she
37 has been heavily involved in the Selma community; she became
38 a member of the Selma Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
39 Sorority, Incorporated, in 1987 and served as President from
40 2000-2004 and 2008-2012; through her involvement, she
41 volunteered throughout the city and Dallas County in many
42 capacities, from mentoring youth through the Delta Academy
43 Program to participating in events like ringing bells for
44 the Salvation Army, Adopt-a-Mile, and GetFit, Selma!; and

45 WHEREAS, in addition to her community service, she is
46 proud to have been a part of the Civil Rights Movement as a
47 Foot Soldier; she marched and was even arrested and held at
48 the old National Guard Armory; and

49 WHEREAS, she retired in 2005 from the Selma City
50 School System after spending 18 years as a fifth-grade
51 teacher; before that, she worked as an elementary guidance
52 counselor and taught at Concordia; throughout her career,
53 her mission has always been to serve the children of Selma
54 and Dallas County, ensuring they have the education and
55 support they need to thrive; and

56 WHEREAS, she is a proud mother of three children,



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Ronald, Donald, and Stephanie Mitchell, and has been blessed with two godsons, Gary Chapelle and Ivery Williams, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; her family has been an incredible support throughout her life; she is also fortunate to have one brother, Alfred, and two sisters, Jo Ann and Lynda, who have been steadfast pillars in her life; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Mitchell Moss demonstrated uncommon determination to pursue the right to vote and other opportunities which had been denied to African Americans through the practice of segregation; as a result of the courage and persistence of Mrs. Parrish and other foot soldiers, the federal government passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That at the occasion of the Fourth Annual Foot Soldiers Celebration, Sadie Mae Simmons Mitchell Moss is recognized as a formidable force during the Civil Rights Movement and is commended for her extraordinary contributions to securing the right to vote for African Americans throughout the country and in her home State of Alabama.