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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING MRS. VERONICA CURTIS-RICHIE AT THE ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS DAY" GALA.

WHEREAS, with great joy and special pleasure, we honor Mrs. Veronica Curtis-Richie as the special guest at the Rosetta James Foundation's 20th Annual "Honoring Our Elders Day" Gala at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on Saturday, March 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Curtis-Richie is a lifelong resident of Huntsville; she is a graduate of Butler High School and matriculated to Alabama A&M University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Special Education with a concentration in Speech Pathology; she later earned a Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities and a certification in School Counseling; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 34-year career, Mrs. Curtis-Richie served in Huntsville City Schools as a learning disabilities teacher, drug education instructor, coordinator of drug education, school counselor, and curriculum specialist, reflecting an unwavering dedication to students and families; after retiring in 2010, she served nationally as a Professional Development Trainer with the Military Child Education Coalition, supporting military-connected families across the United States and



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29 Guam; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Curtis-Richie is deeply committed to  
31 community service, serving as Treasurer for North Alabama  
32 Community United for Action as well as serving on many civic  
33 boards and initiatives, and she is a Silver Life Member of  
34 the NAACP; she and her husband, Reverend Dr. W. Temple  
35 Richie, Jr. are active members of First Missionary Baptist  
36 Church, where she serves as a Deaconess and ministry leader;  
37 she is a devoted mother and grandmother whose life  
38 exemplifies leadership grounded in compassion, advocacy, and  
39 faith; and

40 WHEREAS, the mission of the Rosetta James Foundation  
41 is to honor the wisdom, service, and dedication of our  
42 cherished senior citizens; the "Honoring Our Elders Day"  
43 Gala is a heartfelt tribute to community and civic  
44 volunteers 70 years of age and above who have dedicated  
45 their lives to uplifting others and fostering positive  
46 change; these remarkable individuals exemplify the very  
47 spirit of compassion, leadership, and service that inspires  
48 us all; and

49 WHEREAS, this annual celebration not only shines a  
50 spotlight on these distinguished elders but also serves as a  
51 platform to invest in the next generation of agents for  
52 change; through the generous support of its attendees and  
53 donors, the Gala raises vital funds to provide scholarships  
54 for deserving students who embody the principles of  
55 volunteerism, academic excellence, and civic engagement;  
56 these outstanding students will also be recognized during



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57 the event, connecting their bright futures to the enduring  
58 legacies of those who came before them; and

59 WHEREAS, this year's Gala will be held at noon on  
60 Saturday, March 14, at the Jackson Center; the extraordinary  
61 contributions of our elders will be honored while future  
62 leaders will be empowered to continue building a legacy of  
63 service and excellence; now therefore,

64 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
65 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Veronica Curtis-Richie  
66 will be highly honored on an unforgettable afternoon filled  
67 with inspiration, celebration, and community, and we  
68 endeavor to continue uplifting and investing in those who  
69 make a difference, both today and tomorrow.