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HR_____ HONORING REVEREND DR. W. TEMPLE RICHIE, JR. AT THE
ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS
DAY" GALA.

WHEREAS, with great joy and special pleasure, we
honor Reverend Dr. W. Temple Richie, Jr. 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, Dr. Richie is a pastor, scholar, writer, and
retired Colonel of the United States Air Force Reserve where
he served as chaplain; he carries forward a family legacy of
ordained leadership and was himself ordained at 16 years of
age; he earned degrees from Virginia State University,
Harvard Divinity School, Louisville Seminary, where he
earned his Doctor of Ministry, and the Air War College,
proving the academic rigor of his scholarship; his writing
spans three decades with national devotional publications
and he authored the book, "Better After Death"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richie has pastored churches in multiple
states and served as president of the New Jersey State
Convention of the Progressive National Baptist Convention;
he currently serves as associate minister at First
Missionary Baptist Church; he is married to Veronica
Curtis-Richie, and together they share a blended family of



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29 children and grandchildren; Dr. Richie's life and legacy
30 embody servant leadership, disciplined scholarship, pastoral
31 administration, and steadfast faith; and

32 WHEREAS, the mission of the Rosetta James Foundation
33 is to honor the wisdom, service, and dedication of our
34 cherished senior citizens; the "Honoring Our Elders Day"
35 Gala is a heartfelt tribute to community and civic
36 volunteers 70 years of age and above who have dedicated
37 their lives to uplifting others and fostering positive
38 change; these remarkable individuals exemplify the very
39 spirit of compassion, leadership, and service that inspires
40 us all; and

41 WHEREAS, this annual celebration not only shines a
42 spotlight on these distinguished elders but also serves as a
43 platform to invest in the next generation of agents for
44 change; through the generous support of its attendees and
45 donors, the Gala raises vital funds to provide scholarships
46 for deserving students who embody the principles of
47 volunteerism, academic excellence, and civic engagement;
48 these outstanding students will also be recognized during
49 the event, connecting their bright futures to the enduring
50 legacies of those who came before them; and

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



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56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
57 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Reverend Dr. W. Temple Richie,
58 Jr. will be highly honored on an unforgettable afternoon
59 filled with inspiration, celebration, and community, and we
60 endeavor to continue uplifting and investing in those who
61 make a difference, both today and tomorrow.