

1 HJR205
2 191356-3
3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 15-FEB-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING THE HARRIS BARRETT SCHOOL ALUMNI IN
4 TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA, FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.
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6 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School, an original two-room
7 schoolhouse in Tuskegee, Alabama, that is listed on the
8 Alabama Historical Commission, was founded in 1904 as a "call"
9 to local farmers from famous educator and founder of then
10 Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Dr. Booker T.
11 Washington; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Washington named the school for a close
13 friend and leader, Harris Barrett, who founded and opened the
14 first black savings and loan association, Peoples Savings and
15 Loan of Hampton, Virginia; and

16 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School is known as the
17 "Brick School" as students attending Tuskegee Normal and
18 Industrial Institute made the original bricks and built the
19 school under the guidance of Dr. Washington; many of the
20 original bricks showcase fingerprints of the students that
21 bear testament to the enthusiasm and zest of the students to
22 learn as they molded the mud to make the bricks that built the
23 two-room schoolhouse; and

1 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School, at its height,
2 enrolled 200 students for a three-year term from 1903 until
3 1958; and

4 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School has several original
5 alumni who continue to support Harris Barrett School including
6 Alphonso Moore, Henry Howard, Juanita Trotter, Rocelius
7 Hudson, Ruth Stanback, Louise Campbell, Bill Baker, and
8 Memphis Boston who attended the two-room schoolhouse; and

9 WHEREAS, the alumni and relatives of Harris Barrett,
10 Jan and Grover Fountain, host a fish fry each month at the
11 two-room schoolhouse and greet tourists who come from across
12 the country to hear the many stories of the early years in
13 Tuskegee at Harris Barrett School and to sit in the original
14 wooden desks inside the schoolhouse; and

15 WHEREAS, it should be noted that Harris Barrett
16 School laid the educational foundation for the Rosenwald
17 Schools that were built in America with several in Alabama in
18 1917; and

19 WHEREAS, historically, Harris Barrett Schoolhouse
20 was used for community and agricultural meetings and
21 demonstrations, one of which was the Jesup Agricultural Wagon,
22 founded by Dr. George Washington Carver; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the alumni of Harris Barrett
25 School are hereby honored and commended, and this resolution

1 is offered to them in highest tribute, as well as with sincere
2 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 22-FEB-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

27-FEB-18

Adopted