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3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING THE HARRIS BARRETT SCHOOL ALUMNI IN
9 TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA, FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School, an original two-room
12 schoolhouse in Tuskegee, Alabama, that is listed on the
13 Alabama Historical Commission, was founded in 1904 as a "call"
14 to local farmers from famous educator and founder of then
15 Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Dr. Booker T.
16 Washington; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Washington named the school for a close
18 friend and leader, Harris Barrett, who founded and opened the
19 first black savings and loan association, Peoples Savings and
20 Loan of Hampton, Virginia; and

21 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School is known as the
22 "Brick School" as students attending Tuskegee Normal and
23 Industrial Institute made the original bricks and built the
24 school under the guidance of Dr. Washington; many of the
25 original bricks showcase fingerprints of the students that
26 bear testament to the enthusiasm and zest of the students to

1 learn as they molded the mud to make the bricks that built the
2 two-room schoolhouse; and

3 WHEREAS, Harris Barrett School, at its height,
4 enrolled 200 students for a three-year term from 1903 until
5 1958; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, it should be noted that Harris Barrett
18 School laid the educational foundation for the Rosenwald
19 Schools that were built in America with several in Alabama in
20 1917; and

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

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the alumni of Harris Barrett
27 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.