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8	HONORING THE LEE COUNTY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT.
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10	WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)
11	collaborates with communities to memorialize documented
12	victims of racial violence and foster meaningful dialogue
13	about race and justice; and
14	WHEREAS, the Lee County Remembrance Project was
15	created by Ashley Brown and Olivia Nichols, two doctoral
16	students at Auburn University; and
17	WHEREAS, in the summer of 2018, Olivia Nichols and
18	Monique Napier began researching newspaper articles and census
19	records to start piecing together the narratives and
20	experiences of John Moss, George Hart, Charles Humphries, and
21	Samuel Harris, four Black men who were recorded victims of
22	racial terror lynchings in Lee County, Alabama; and
23	WHEREAS, over the next year, they met with community
24	organizations and began building a coalition of community
25	volunteers and leaders interested in progressing the research
26	into opportunities for education and commemoration; by the
27	fall of 2019, the Lee County Remembrance Project (LCRP)

application was accepted to become an official Community Remembrance Project through the Equal Justice Initiative; and WHEREAS, in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative, they followed their truth and reconciliation framework to engage the community in deeper discussion about racial injustices, as well as finding ways in the community to commemorate the men who were victims of racial terror lynchings; one way the community initiative honored these men was by having a historical marker installed in their honor in historic Opelika on June 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the placement of this marker in Lee County serves as a place of public healing, acknowledgement, and unity honoring the victims of lynching and racial injustice, while sharing their stories with the wider community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the Lee County Remembrance Project is highly commended, and this resolution is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation, as well as in heartiest congratulations and sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.