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8 COMMENDING THE DRIVING FORCE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB ON
9 CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to the Driving Force Women's Golf Club on
13 celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, during its first decade, the Driving Force
15 Women's Golf Club has cultivated a powerful legacy of
16 introducing golf to African American women in central Alabama
17 and providing a structured format to learn the game, play the
18 game, and compete with other women's golf organizations
19 throughout the South; and

20 WHEREAS, the remarkable initiative's roots are
21 traced to the spring of 2006 when Sandy Osborne convinced
22 Alabama State University's first lady, Margie L. Lee, to take
23 golf lessons with her which transpired Margie's vision for the
24 first African American women's golf league in Montgomery,
25 Alabama; Margie, Sandy, Essie McGhee, and Hattie Robinson
26 wrote the foundation by-laws and mission statement to begin
27 the new league; and

1 WHEREAS, forty-two women attended the charter
2 meeting of the Driving Force Women's Golf Club on January 27,
3 2007, at Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery, Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, among its numerous achievements, the
5 Driving Force Women's Golf Club became the first organized
6 African American Women's Golf Club in Montgomery and in
7 Alabama, became the largest African American Women's Golf Club
8 in Montgomery and in Alabama with a membership of 83 members
9 the first year and a sustained membership of nearly 60 women,
10 became a diverse Women's Golf Club in Montgomery and in
11 Alabama with Korean and Caucasian members, became a member of
12 the Alabama Golf Association, and became a competitive women's
13 league in Montgomery with an outreach extending to Tennessee;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, six truly extraordinary Presidents of the
16 Driving Force Women's Golf Club have included Margie L. Lee,
17 Essie McGhee, Sandy Osborne, Valerie Smedley, Kim Davis, and
18 Olivia Anderson-Gibson; and

19 WHEREAS, through the years, the Driving Force
20 Women's Golf Club has earned widespread respect and admiration
21 for making a positive impact on many lives within the
22 community and beyond, and with an unwavering commitment to
23 excellence, the outstanding entity reflects immense credit
24 upon the entire State of Alabama; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Driving Force Women's
27 Golf Club is highly honored and commended, and this resolution

1 is offered to its members in deepest admiration and
2 appreciation for their inspiring legacy, as well as with
3 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
4 endeavors.