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5 Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Bracy, Buskey, Butler, Carns,
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7 Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, Ellis, England,
8 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,
9 Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison,
10 Harper, Henry, Hill, Hollis, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
11 Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Jones, Knight, Lawrence,
12 Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn, Martin, McCampbell,
13 McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B),
14 Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos,
15 Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells,
16 Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway,
17 Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R),
18 Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P) and Wingo
19 RFD:

20 First Read: 25-APR-17

8 COMMENDING DR. ART BACON FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Dr. Art Bacon, who has retired
13 after 40 years of professional service on the science faculty
14 and administration at Talladega College; he is now a Talladega
15 College Professor Emeritus of the National Sciences and
16 Humanities and is actively enjoying his second career and
17 passion as an artist; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Bacon earned degrees from Talladega
19 College and Howard University before performing postdoctoral
20 research at the University of Miami and the Lawrence Radiation
21 Laboratory at U. C. Berkeley; he joined the faculty at
22 Talladega College in 1969 and during his tenure there held
23 several positions; and

24 WHEREAS, first serving as an educator at Talladega
25 College, Dr. Bacon served as Chair of the Biology Department,
26 and retired as Provost and Vice President for Academic
27 Affairs; he also represented the faculty on the Board of

1 Trustees for over 15 years and developed skills as a grant
2 writer raising millions of dollars for art and science; and

3 WHEREAS, his love for art has continued throughout
4 his life and some of his paintings and drawings have been
5 exhibited in New York, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile,
6 Montgomery, Nashville, and West Palm Beach; his subjects of
7 choice are generally older and neglected people whose
8 experiences show in their faces; his art is greatly influenced
9 by his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement; and

10 WHEREAS, noting the affinity between art and
11 science, Dr. Bacon chose science for his professional career
12 and art for his passion; he has received numerous awards and
13 recognitions including the Armstrong Award for Creative
14 Ability, Tenneco Award for Teaching, Man of the Year for
15 Talladega College Faculty and Staff, Realizing Mountaintop
16 Award, and the Augusta Savage Award; he was inducted into the
17 National Black College Hall of Fame and has been featured in
18 magazines, including Southern Living, Lakeside, and
19 Excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, his record of excellence and service
21 reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; the
22 contributions of Dr. Bacon to art and science are numerous and
23 valuable and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now
24 therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his
27 exceptional record of service, Dr. Art Bacon is honored and

1 commended and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to
2 him along with best wishes for success in all future
3 endeavors.