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2 Family on the occasion of the 31st Biennial Hosea Family
3 Reunion.

4 *Whereas, The lineage of the Hosea family is deeply rooted*
5 *in the history of Alabama, tracing back to their earliest known*
6 *ancestor, William "Bill" Hosea, born in Marengo County in*
7 *1815, whose legacy began in the communities of Marengo,*
8 *Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson Counties, and Dixon Mills;*

9 *Whereas, Demonstrating immense courage and resilience, the*
10 *ancestors of the Hosea Family participated in the Great*
11 *Migration, journeying from the rural South to the urban*
12 *Midwest to escape the oppression of the Jim Crow era and*
13 *build new futures, evolving from skilled farmers and*
14 *sharecroppers into leaders in industry, the military, law,*
15 *medicine, and beyond;*

16 *Whereas, The foundation of the biennial Hosea Family*
17 *Reunion was laid in the mid-1960s in Gary, Indiana, through*
18 *the love and vision of their matriarch, Lealer White-Hosea, and*
19 *her ten daughters: Bernice Hosea-Carter, Phyllis*
20 *Hosea-Thomas, Florence Hosea-Logan, Mary J.*
21 *Hosea-Thomas, Minnie L. Hosea-Thomas, Hettie M.*
22 *Hosea-Carter, Idella Hosea-Smith, and Beatrice*
23 *Hosea-McDaniel;*

24 *Whereas, The Hosea Family is distinctively honored by the*
25 *presence and continued wisdom of their surviving elders, Mary*
26 *A. Hosea-Comer and Marva J. Hosea-Hearn, who helped turn*
27 *unplanned family gatherings into the legendary reunions they*



1 *celebrate today;*

2 *Whereas, Despite the separation caused by time and*
 3 *geography, the spirit of the Hosea family prevailed, leading to*
 4 *a joyous reconnection in 2022 with relatives from Bloomington,*
 5 *Illinois, who descended from Tuscaloosa, thereby restoring lost*
 6 *branches to the family tree;*

7 *Whereas, The reunion of these two branches culminated in*
 8 *the formation of the Hosea Family Association Inc., a nonprofit*
 9 *organization certified by the State of Indiana, dedicated to*
 10 *preserving the legacy of the Hosea family, promoting historical*
 11 *lines, and providing mentoring and youth scholarships; and*

12 *Whereas, The Hosea family will host its 31st family reunion*
 13 *in Indianapolis, Indiana, to remember their ancestors, honor*
 14 *their elders, and continue creating stronger family bonds:*
 15 *Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 17 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 18 *the Senate concurring:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the
 20 Hosea Family on the occasion of the 31st Biennial Hosea
 21 Family Reunion.

22 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 23 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
 24 Representative Cherrish Pryor for distribution.

