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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
                  URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES TO PURSUE CONDOLEEZZA RICE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM.

          WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it is  
imperative that institutions of higher learning employ the  
best leadership available; employment of a highly qualified  
Alabama native to the position of Chancellor of the University  
of Alabama System would best serve the needs and citizens of  
the State of Alabama; and

          WHEREAS, this legislative body notes with utmost  
pride and pleasure that Condoleezza Rice, the first  
African-American female to serve as our nation's Secretary of  
State, is nationally recognized and respected for her  
exceptional service and talents; Dr. Rice is a native  
Alabamian who was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and has  
familial ties to Alabama; and

          WHEREAS, Dr. Rice's impressive public career  
experience and service includes National Security Advisor;  
National Security Council; Hoover Senior Fellow; professor of  
political science and Provost of Stanford University;  
Director-Senior Director, Soviet and Eastern European Affairs;  
Special Assistant to the President for National Security

1 Affairs; and Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint  
2 Chiefs of Staff; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice's diplomatic jobs are supported by  
4 an impressive education that includes earning a bachelor's  
5 degree in political science from the University of Denver; a  
6 master's degree in government and international studies from  
7 the University of Notre Dame; and a doctorate from the  
8 University of Denver's Graduate School of International  
9 Studies; and

10 WHEREAS, in her personal life, Dr. Rice was an avid  
11 student, who excelled academically; her father served as a  
12 college administrator in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and also coached  
13 football, teaching Dr. Rice everything he could about tactics  
14 and strategy; Dr. Rice is passionate about the game and uses  
15 football analogies in her lectures, comparing war to football;  
16 this knowledge and passion made her classes popular and  
17 attracted many athletes; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice is intelligent, ambitious, and  
19 eager to serve others; she is dedicated to physical fitness;  
20 she has served effectively in numerous positions during  
21 difficult times; she knows how to balance strong personalities  
22 and viewpoints, yet she works hard not to reveal her own  
23 personal views in her professional life; she has the ability  
24 to focus her life on the task at hand and serve as an example  
25 to others; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Rice, an Alabamian of whom we are most  
2 proud, is admired and appreciated for her service; she is  
3 highly qualified and may be willing to return to her home  
4 state to serve as Chancellor of the University of Alabama  
5 System; now therefore,

6           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the membership of the  
8 Legislature strongly urges the University of Alabama System  
9 Board of Trustees to pursue Dr. Condoleezza Rice to serve in  
10 the position of Chancellor of the University of Alabama  
11 System.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
13 resolution be provided to the University of Alabama System  
14 Board of Trustees as an expression of our support on this  
15 vital issue and that a copy of this resolution shall be  
16 provided to Dr. Rice so that she may know of this request and  
17 our sincere hope that she may so honor us and as an expression  
18 of our sincere gratitude and esteem.

