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4 Beason, Bedford, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holtzclaw, Irons,
6 Keahey, Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,
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8 COMMENDING DR. JACK HAWKINS, JR., FOR HIS
9 OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
10 HIGHER EDUCATION.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.
13 Jack Hawkins, Jr., is recognized for his extraordinary
14 professional achievements and significant contributions to
15 higher education in the State of Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins has agreed to an extension of
17 his contract as Chancellor of Troy University to 2019; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins is the longest-serving chief
19 executive of an Alabama public university, having provided
20 exceptional leadership to Troy University since accepting the
21 Chancellorship on September 1, 1989; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins has spearheaded an era of
23 unprecedented growth and innovative programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins led a merger of the former Troy
25 State University System into the unified Troy University,
26 resulting in savings of more than \$10 million to Alabama
27 taxpayers; and

1 WHEREAS, during his administration, more than \$325
2 million has been invested in capital improvements across all
3 four Alabama campuses; and

4 WHEREAS, with his emphasis on internationalizing
5 Troy University, Dr. Hawkins has been instrumental in
6 attracting approximately 1,000 students from 70 nations who
7 have enrolled on the Troy Campus and through the establishment
8 of campuses abroad including Korea, Malaysia, and Vietnam,
9 where Troy University enrolls more than 1,000 students; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins has been instrumental in
11 establishing more than 20 new degree programs, highlighted by
12 Troy University's first Doctoral Degree, the Doctorate of
13 Nursing Practice; and

14 WHEREAS, within the last six years, standards for
15 admission have been raised twice, making Troy a more
16 academically selective university; and

17 WHEREAS, in the arena of intercollegiate athletics,
18 Troy University has joined NCAA D-1, the highest level of
19 competition; and

20 WHEREAS, three buildings are named in his honor, two
21 in Troy and one at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind,
22 where he served as President from 1979 to 1989; through the
23 years, he has received many additional well-deserved
24 recognitions for his dedicated service and civic leadership;
25 he and his devoted wife, Janice, have two children, Katie
26 Beall (Dan) and Kelly Godwin (Adam), and two grandchildren,
27 Noah and Ellyotte; and

1 WHEREAS, few individuals have equaled the
2 contributions of Dr. Hawkins to higher education, to the City
3 of Troy, and to the State of Alabama; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to convey
6 highest commendation and heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Jack
7 Hawkins, Jr., for whom a copy of this resolution is provided
8 as evidence of the esteem in which he is held and with best
9 wishes for continuing success far into the future.