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8 COMMENDING THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
9 ON CELEBRATING ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that the  
12 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is recognized on  
13 the occasion of celebrating its 125th Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, the GFWC was organized on April 24, 1890,  
15 and duly chartered by President William McKinley and the  
16 United States Congress on March 3, 1901; and

17 WHEREAS, the GFWC is celebrating its 125th year of  
18 existence, perseverance, and unity in diversity; and

19 WHEREAS, with members in all 50 states and 12  
20 countries, the international women's organization has members  
21 from all walks of life who have a common goal of making the  
22 world a better place by enhancing the lives of others through  
23 volunteer service; and

24 WHEREAS, the GFWC has played a role in many national  
25 efforts, including powerful advocacy for child labor laws,  
26 promotion of nationwide outreach that led to the passage of  
27 the Pure Food and Drug Act, it helped create the National Park

1 Service, it is credited with establishing 75 percent of United  
2 States public libraries, and it completed work that led to the  
3 passage of both the Violence Against Women Act and the Lily  
4 Ledbetter Fair Pay Act; and

5 WHEREAS, the goal of the GFWC's signature project,  
6 Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, is to increase  
7 awareness and prevention of the widespread occurrence of  
8 domestic abuse in communities across the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout the past 125 years, millions of  
10 women have given of their time, talent, and resources to  
11 improve the lives of others, including women here in the GFWC  
12 Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs; and

13 WHEREAS, the over 100,000 current members of the  
14 GFWC, under the leadership of the GFWC International  
15 President, Babs J. Condon, documented over 6.7 million  
16 volunteer hours during 2014; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly honor and commend  
19 the General Federation of Women's Clubs on the occasion of its  
20 125th anniversary, and by copy of this resolution we extend  
21 our heartiest congratulations and offer our best wishes for  
22 the future.