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3 By Senators Holley, Ross, Ward, Marsh, Albritton, Allen,  
4 Beasley, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss,  
5 Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower,  
6 Holtzclaw, Livingston, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed,  
7 Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Shelnut, Singleton, Smith,  
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 28-APR-16

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4 ENROLLED, SJR108,

5 COMMENDING MICHELE GERLACH FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT  
6 OF THE ALABAMA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest praise and great pride  
9 that the Alabama Legislature recognizes and commends Michele  
10 Gerlach upon her election as President of the Alabama Press  
11 Association; she is the fifth woman to hold the office in the  
12 association's 145-year history; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Gerlach earned degrees from the  
14 University of Alabama and Troy University; in 2009 she was  
15 named the University of Alabama School of Communications  
16 Outstanding Alumni in Journalism; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Gerlach is a vice president and group  
18 manager with Boone Newspapers, Inc.; she has previously worked  
19 as a reporter for The Outlook in Alexander City, was managing  
20 editor of the Franklin County Times in Russellville, publisher  
21 of the Atmore Advance, and publisher of the Brewton Standard  
22 before becoming publisher of the Andalusia Star-News; and

23 WHEREAS, she presently serves on the Women's  
24 Advisory Board of the Andalusia Regional Hospital, the Board  
25 of Andalusia High School Class of 1948 Scholarship Foundation

1 Committee, and the Board of the Andalusia Ballet; she  
2 previously served on the Board of the Southern Associations of  
3 Schools and Colleges, and is the former president of the  
4 Andalusia Rotary Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Gerlach is the fourth generation of her  
6 family to work in community newspapers; her parents, Ferrin  
7 and Heddy Cox, owned The Elba Clipper; her father also served  
8 as President of the Alabama Press Association; and

9 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to see a bright,  
10 industrious Alabamian serve the state and continue to focus on  
11 the future with a commitment to her profession; Ms. Gerlach is  
12 a worthy role model and her achievements reflect honor upon  
13 her family, her community, and the State of Alabama; now  
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of exceptional  
17 achievement, we most highly commend Michele Gerlach upon her  
18 election as President of the Alabama Press Association, and  
19 further direct that a copy of this resolution be presented to  
20 her with highest praise and honor and also with sincere wishes  
21 for continued success.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 03-MAY-16

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By: Senator Holley