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SJR___ COMMENDING MRS. DARLENE A. NEGROTTO FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, we highly commend Mrs. Darlene A. Negrotto for her numerous professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Negrotto began serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of Vulcan Park and Museum in March 2004; through her role, she enjoys having the opportunity to instill in youth an understanding and sense of pride in their hometowns, creating excitement around the various aspects of the region in both visitors and residents, and creating mutually beneficial partnerships with other cultural institutions and service agencies; she was named the BBJ's 2010 Nonprofit Chief Executive Officer of the Year and the 2011 Best in Minority Business Award for Nonprofit Leadership; and

WHEREAS, among her civic and professional activities, Mrs. Negrotto also serves on the Board of Directors of the Homewood Chamber of Commerce and The Women's Network, and she is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, the Women's Forum, and CAHABA; her other activities have



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26 included leadership roles with Executive Women
27 International, International Facility Management
28 Association, and Kentuck Festival of the Arts; and

29 WHEREAS, following graduate studies in Organizational
30 Psychology at Louisiana State University, Mrs. Negrotto held
31 management positions at prominent institutions in the
32 southeast, such as Ruth's Chris Steak House, The
33 Pontchartrain Hotel, and North River Yacht Club; later, she
34 served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the
35 Business Center of Alabama, Incorporated, and then went to
36 Birmingham, Alabama, to operate The Harbert Center; and

37 WHEREAS, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs.
38 Negrotto is married to E. Foster Smith, and she loves to
39 travel and cook; and

40 WHEREAS, a woman of steadfast dedication and
41 excellent leadership skills, Mrs. Negrotto is an inspiration
42 and friend to many; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mrs. Darlene A. Negrotto is
45 highly commended for her numerous professional achievements,
46 and this resolution hereby serves as a tribute to her with
47 warmest appreciation and admiration, along with sincere best
48 wishes for continued happiness and success during her
49 retirement.