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3 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,

4 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,

5 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,

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SJR___ COMMENDING SENATOR J.T. "JABO" WAGGONER ON THE HISTORIC OCCASION OF HIS 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations are proudly presented to Senator J.T. "Jabo" Waggoner with sincere gratitude on the occasion of this historic 50th year of his service to the Legislature of the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner is a Birmingham native and a graduate of Ensley High School; he attended Auburn University and was a walk-on to the basketball team; two years later, he was awarded a basketball scholarship to Birmingham-Southern College, transferred, and earned a Bachelor's Degree; he earned his Juris Doctor from the Birmingham School of Law; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 29, Senator Waggoner won a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives and served from 1966 until 1983; he was Alabama's Sixth Congressional District Nominee in 1984; he served as the Governor's legislative liaison from 1988 until 1990 when he ran for an Alabama Senate seat and won; he has served in the Senate for nine consecutive terms since then; his combined experience in both houses of the Alabama Legislature makes him its longest serving member; and



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29 WHEREAS, during his legislative career, Senator
30 Waggoner has served as the Senate Minority Leader from 2002
31 through 2010 and as Senate Majority Leader from 2010 through
32 2014; Senator Waggoner currently serves on the following
33 Senate Committees: Rules, as Chair; Confirmations, as Vice
34 Chair; Jefferson County Local Legislation, as Chair; Senator
35 Waggoner serves on other committees such as Banking and
36 Insurance; Finance and Taxation Education; Finance; and the
37 Joint Transportation Committee; and

38 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner is the recipient of
39 numerous awards and countless accolades, including the
40 Ronald Reagan Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012; the
41 Alabama State Council of the Arts Legacy Award in 2013; the
42 Birmingham Southern College Distinguished Alumni Award in
43 2013; the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Distinguished Alabama
44 Sportsman Award in 2019; The University of Alabama at
45 Birmingham President's Medal in 2021; and the National
46 Grocers Association 2021 Spirit of America Award; and

47 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner generously gives of his
48 experience, time, and talent to serve on service club boards
49 and committees, including Executive Committee of Birmingham
50 Business Alliance; Faulkner University Board of Trustees;
51 Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau; he holds
52 memberships on the Chambers of Commerce for Hoover,
53 Homewood, Shelby County, and Vestavia Hills; he is a 50-year
54 member of Civitan International; and an active member of
55 Masons and Shriners organizations; he is a founding member
56 and past president of the Birmingham Tip-Off Club; and



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57 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner and his beloved wife,
58 Marilyn, are the parents of four children; they have seven
59 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and they are
60 long-standing members of the Homewood Church of Christ; now
61 therefore,

62 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
63 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the citizens of Alabama have
64 shown their affection, gratitude, and enduring support of
65 J.T. "Jabo" Waggoner and the Legislature is honored to count
66 him among its members and are grateful for a remarkable
67 career characterized by service, statesmanship, strength,
68 and steadfastness; we offer this resolution as evidence of
69 our esteem and deep appreciation for him and in recognition
70 of his unwavering selflessness and passion serving the
71 people of Alabama and ensuring a better Alabama that is
72 second to none in education and job creation and his
73 stalwart, resolute leadership has been consistently
74 demonstrated over the 50 years that he has served the people
75 of Alabama as a Legislator.