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HJR___ COMMENDING SUELLEN BRILL BRAZIL ON HER INSTALLATION
AS THE 55TH INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL
FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024, Suellen Brill Brazil, a
Daphne, Alabama, resident, will be installed as the 55th
International President of the General Federation of Women's
Clubs (GFWC) in Chicago, Illinois; she will be the first
International President from the State of Alabama in GFWC's
134-year history and will serve from 2024-2026; and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs is
one of the world's oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational
women's volunteer service organizations that unite local
women's clubs in a collective effort to strengthen
communities and enhance the lives of others through
volunteer service; with more than 60,000 members in
affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia,
and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community
leaders who work locally to create global change by
advocating for women, children, and families; GFWC also
supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources,
advances education, and encourages civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, with a rich background and extensive
experience, Suellen Brazil is a highly enthusiastic, dynamic
leader whose dedication and passion are unwavering; she



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29 joined a GFWC club in Daphne, Alabama, in September 1973 and
30 has served continuously in countless leadership roles at
31 every level for over 50 years; and

32 WHEREAS, an active member of the GFWC Alabama State
33 Board of Directors for over 36 years, she has served in
34 every elected position; and

35 WHEREAS, passionately committed to leadership
36 development, personally and for others, her background and
37 skills were vastly broadened while gaining various
38 perspectives serving in all Alabama and Southern Region
39 elected offices; as GFWC First Vice President and Second
40 Vice President, she has continued her commitment to enhance
41 the growth of the 51 State Presidents and 107 GFWC Chairmen
42 and Committee Members; as Leadership Chairman, she directed
43 a 73 percent increase in GFWC State LEADS programs; and she
44 frequently speaks at state LEADS seminars; and

45 WHEREAS, representing GFWC, Suellen Brazil led the
46 Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Foundation International
47 Leadership Seminar as the National Volunteer Chair and
48 continued with 12 years of national service in varying
49 capacities with HOBY; and

50 WHEREAS, Suellen Brazil exemplifies the national
51 perspective, organizational expertise, and collaborative
52 skills developed through 50 years in diverse leadership
53 roles; she is devoted to serving victims of domestic and
54 sexual violence, children, Veterans, the homeless, and those
55 with food insecurity and hunger; and

56 WHEREAS, a lifelong native of Alabama, she concluded



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57 her 44-year career as the Baldwin County Public School
58 Executive Elementary Administrator, supervising 28 schools,
59 18,000 students, and all employees; and

60 WHEREAS, a 45-year member of Daphne United Methodist
61 Church, she has led multiple church committees and campaigns
62 and is a devoted choir member; she and her late husband,
63 Billy, have two sons, daughters-in-law, and four
64 grandchildren; now therefore,

65 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
66 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Suellen Brill Brazil is
67 recognized and commended on her installation as the 55th
68 International President of the General Federation of Women's
69 Clubs and for years of continued leadership and service to
70 her home state, Alabama; this resolution is offered in
71 highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for
72 continued blessings and success in all future endeavors.