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- 3 By Representative Hall
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4 HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING THE GFWC ALABAMA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S5 CLUBS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
8 commend the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs in
9 recognition of its dedicated public service; and

10 WHEREAS, organized in 1895, the Alabama Federation of 11 Women's Clubs (GFWC Alabama) was chartered into the 12 international organization General Federation of Women's 13 Clubs (GFWC) in 1907; for 130 years, GFWC Alabama has worked 14 to address the most pressing needs of our communities, the 15 state, our nation, and globally; and

WHEREAS, the 50 clubs and 1,200 members located in 16 17 communities throughout the State of Alabama develop outstanding programs and projects to address common issues 18 19 and concerns; some of the areas addressed through programs and projects include access to and support of the arts, 20 21 education and libraries, natural resources preservation, 22 support of veterans, public and individual health and wellness, child advocacy, and citizenship; and 23

24 WHEREAS, the establishment of scholarships and 25 libraries have been major focus areas for GFWC Alabama and 26 local clubs; GFWC Alabama has been actively involved in the 27 GFWC Signature Program, Domestic and Sexual Violence 28 Awareness and Prevention; and

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29 WHEREAS, GFWC Alabama is an organization made up of 30 women from all walks of life and across generations who have 31 a common goal of enhancing the lives of others through 32 volunteer service; in this process, members grow in their 33 understanding of issues and are enriched through their 34 service further developing their talents and skills while 35 establishing lifelong connections; and

36 WHEREAS, the theme for the 2024-26 administration is 37 "Living the Volunteer Spirit - Compassion in Action"; the 38 President's Special Project is "Mental Health Matters" and 39 focuses on increasing awareness about mental health concerns 40 and striving to end the stigma associated with mental health 41 illnesses while promoting the resources available in local 42 communities, the state, and our nation; and

43 WHEREAS, the 130th Annual Convention of the GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs is being held April 44 45 25-27, 2025, at the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel and 46 Conference Center at Capitol Hill where members will discuss common concerns, hear from experts in their fields, and 47 48 conduct the business necessary to allow this organization to 49 continue its 130-year legacy of enhancing the lives of 50 others; now therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 52 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Federation of 53 Women's Clubs, which is comprised of thousands of women who 54 have given of their time, talent, and resources, is honored 55 and commended in recognition of its dedicated public service 56 to this state over the past 130 years.

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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is 58 offered in highest esteem by Senators Tom Butler, Arthur 59 Orr, Sam Givhan, Steve Livingston, and Wes Kitchens, and 60 Representatives Laura Hall, Rex Reynolds, Marilyn Lands, 61 Parker Moore, Andy Whitt, James Lomax, Ritchie Whorton, 62 Phillip Rigsby, and Anthony Daniels.