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HR\_\_\_ COMMENDING JO ANN JENKINS ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
RETIRED PERSONS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,  
highest commendations are conveyed to Jo Ann Jenkins for her  
faithful and unwavering service as Chief Executive Officer  
(CEO) of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP);  
and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2014, Jo Ann Jenkins, a  
Mobile native, walked onstage at AARP's national member  
event at the San Diego Convention Center to deliver her  
first speech as CEO; and

WHEREAS, from that day on, Mrs. Jenkins has  
revolutionized the way adults 50 years of age and older are  
cared for; she challenged stereotypes and attitudes about  
aging and sparked new solutions that help people live better  
as they age; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins has brought her fight to the  
halls of Congress, the White House, and in state capitals  
and communities across the country; her policies have  
brought relief from the high cost of prescription drugs,  
helped ease the burden of caregiving, opposed age  
discrimination in the workplace, protected Social Security  
and Medicare, and made it easier for people to save for



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29 retirement; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins made it very clear that she  
31 wanted to attack Alzheimer's and dementia and their effects  
32 on the human mind; under her leadership, the AARP Brain  
33 Health committed \$60 million to the Dementia Discovery Fund,  
34 a venture capital fund that invests in dementia cures; AARP  
35 also created the Global Council on Brain Health as an  
36 independent organization to provide trusted information on  
37 how to maintain and improve brain health; and

38 WHEREAS, recognizing the ever expanding world of  
39 technology, Mrs. Jenkins wanted to ensure that senior  
40 citizens were prepared and well-equipped; she chose to  
41 integrate the Older Adults Technology Services into the AARP  
42 family; this service provides a wide array of training  
43 programs to help older adults protect their digital assets;  
44 and

45 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic brought fear and  
46 uncertainty to senior citizens; Mrs. Jenkins took it upon  
47 herself to provide relevant, unbiased information to help  
48 them navigate these uncharted waters, create solutions to  
49 help older people stay connected with their families, and  
50 speak out on issues ranging from stimulus checks to vaccines  
51 to nursing home reforms; and

52 WHEREAS, in 2016, Mrs. Jenkins wrote her best-selling  
53 book, *Disrupt Aging*; in addition to her book, her efforts  
54 also included creating AARP Innovation Labs to help shape  
55 the future of aging with new technology, and later the  
56 AgeTech Collaborative which has brought together more than



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57 525 organizations to create products to benefit older  
58 adults; in 2015, AARP established the Innovation Fund with a  
59 commitment of \$40 million to invest in companies focused on  
60 aging in place and access to health care; and

61 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins not only tackled aging in her  
62 country but also overseas; she has traveled to Europe, Asia,  
63 and Africa to meet with government officials, confer with  
64 leaders of aging organizations, and visit agencies serving  
65 older adults to learn how they address aging and to share  
66 what she has learned with AARP; and

67 WHEREAS, it is no surprise that Mrs. Jenkins was  
68 named by Fortune as one of the "World's 50 Greatest  
69 Leaders," and under her leadership, AARP was named by  
70 Ethisphere as one of the world's most ethical companies; now  
71 therefore,

72 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
73 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Jo Ann Jenkins is hereby  
74 commended and recognized for her faithful and effective  
75 service to the American Association of Retired Persons, and  
76 with sincere appreciation for her dedication to helping  
77 people, this resolution is offered with utmost appreciation  
78 to her, along with best wishes for all future endeavors.