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SJR___ COMMENDING MR. JOSEPH A. CHAMBLISS AND MRS. GERALDINE MARIA CHAMBLISS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATION TO THEIR NATIVE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly presented to Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Chambliss, and his wife, Mrs. Geraldine Maria "Gerrie" Chambliss, for their achievements and their giving spirit toward their native State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chambliss was born on November 10, 1936, in Autauga County and was reared near Prattville; Mrs. Chambliss was born on September 2, 1941, in Jefferson County and grew up in Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, as an Autauga County High School student, Joe Chambliss was selected by classmates as friendliest and having the best personality, and while attending Bessemer High School, Gerrie Chambliss was a cheerleader and selected as Miss Bessemer High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chambliss graduated from The University of Alabama, and Mrs. Chambliss attended Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, at 11 years of age, Mr. Chambliss began pumping gas at his parents' Prattville-based Chambliss Texaco Grocery; years later, with the unwavering support of his wife, he embarked on a highly successful petroleum



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29 industry related career; he quickly rose through the ranks
30 as a Texaco, Incorporated, employee and became a successful
31 entrepreneur through Joe A. Chambliss, Incorporated; Martin
32 Petroleum Corporation; Chambliss Limited; and Florida
33 Turnpike Services; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss have lived in South
35 Florida for decades, where the Chambliss business operations
36 are based, and have also maintained a vacation home on
37 Alabama's Lake Martin; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss have continually
39 demonstrated strong love and support of their Alabama
40 relatives and friends through philanthropy; they support the
41 Nick's Kids Foundation operated by Nick and Terry Saban; and
42 they are proud donors to many worthy causes and institutions
43 including, but not limited to, The University of Alabama's
44 Paul W. Bryant Hall Student-Athlete Academic Center, Auburn
45 University's Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Arts, The
46 1856 Society, The Talon Society, the Bryant Society, The
47 Heritage Foundation, The University of Alabama, Auburn
48 University, and Saint Gregory Church in Plantation, Florida;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss, through the KPH
51 Dynasty Trust, have made two generous, transformational
52 gifts to The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) to
53 support both the School of Nursing and the Department of
54 Urology in the Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine; and

55 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss have expressed a deep
56 desire to improve the health and wellbeing of patients,



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57 families, and communities in their home state of Alabama,
58 and it is their intent that these gifts be used to make
59 meaningful and lasting differences in the lives of fellow
60 Alabamians by enhancing and sustaining innovations in
61 nursing and prostate cancer care; and

62 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss have a deep passion
63 for improving the health of the people of Alabama, and with
64 their support, these critical programs at The University of
65 Alabama at Birmingham are able to innovate and thrive so
66 that all Alabamians have access to quality, personalized
67 health care and health education; combined with their other
68 philanthropic efforts, Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss also advocate
69 for disadvantaged children, offer support to athletic
70 programs, and support the arts; now therefore,

71 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
72 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Joseph A. Chambliss and
73 Mrs. Geraldine Maria Chambliss are highly honored and
74 commended, and this resolution is provided to them in
75 deepest admiration and appreciation for their philanthropic
76 work throughout the State of Alabama, along with sincere
77 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.