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SJR___ COMMENDING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE GREG REED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and colleague Senator Greg Reed as he concludes an esteemed career in the Alabama Senate; we find it necessary and proper to recount his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, a native of Walker County, Senator Reed was born in Jasper to Rufus and Patsy Collier Reed; he grew up in Cordova, where he and his sister, Angie, graduated from Walker County Public Schools; and he continued his education at Walker College, now Bevill State Community College, before earning his bachelor's degree from The University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, before entering the Legislature, Senator Reed had a successful career in business, working first as a commercial banker and then in the medical equipment provider industry, culminating in his role as the Vice President of Preferred Medical Systems, a position he held for 17 years; it was his work in the private sector that honed his expertise in issues such as business, economic development, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Reed's dedication to public service and passion for politics began many years before his service



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29 in the Alabama Senate; in 1997, he began a three year tenure
30 as the Walker County Republican Party Chairman; from 2000 to
31 2008, he was the Senior Vice Chairman of the Alabama
32 Republican Party; and

33 WHEREAS, in 2010, first-time candidate Greg Reed was
34 elected to the Alabama Senate by the voters of Senate
35 District 5; he was re-elected in 2014 without opposition;
36 his legislative prowess was indisputable, evidenced by his
37 selection as Chair of the Senate Health Committee and, at
38 the start of the new legislative term in 2015, election by
39 his Republican colleagues as Majority Leader of the Alabama
40 Senate; and

41 WHEREAS, Senator Reed's legislative accomplishments
42 are many; with a keen eye for business and a passion for
43 economic growth, Senator Reed was instrumental to the
44 passage of many major economic packages to create jobs and
45 improve the lives of his fellow Alabamians, including the
46 Working for Alabama bill package, the Growing Alabama Act,
47 the Alabama Jobs Act, and the Alabama Growth Alliance Act;
48 in 2019, he helped bolster incentives to recruit businesses
49 to rural counties by sponsoring the AIM Act; one of Senator
50 Reed's proudest achievements was helping secure the
51 necessary funds to replace the old elementary school that he
52 and his wife, Mitsy, attended in Cordova with a new school
53 building; and

54 WHEREAS, Senator Reed continued to serve as Majority
55 Leader until the start of the 2021 Regular Session, when the
56 Alabama Senate unanimously elected Senator Reed to serve as



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57 the President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate; he served
58 as President Pro Tempore until December 2024, when he
59 accepted Governor Kay Ivey's appointment to her
60 administration as the Senior Advisor to Workforce
61 Transformation, where he will continue his work fostering
62 economic growth in the state by setting the foundation for
63 the new Department of Workforce; and

64 WHEREAS, Senator Reed freely admits that none of his
65 accomplishments would be possible without the love, support,
66 and constant encouragement of his wife, Mitsy Harbison Reed;
67 the high school sweethearts married in 1988; they have
68 reared three successful sons, twins Andrew and James, both
69 graduates of The University of Alabama, and John Michael, a
70 graduate of the University of Montevallo, and were overjoyed
71 with the additions to the family of James' bride, Annika,
72 and John Michael's bride, Kalei; Senator Reed and Mitsy are
73 active members of First Baptist Church of Jasper, where they
74 teach Sunday School to young adults; and

75 WHEREAS, Senator Reed is a faithful public servant
76 and this body knows that his dedication to the people of
77 Alabama will not end when he crosses the threshold of the
78 State House; rather, the commendations within this
79 resolution are given with the knowledge that he will
80 continue serving his fellow Alabamians and fellow Americans
81 for many days; now therefore,

82 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
83 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That State Senator and President
84 Pro Tempore of the Senate Greg Reed is hereby commended for



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85 his outstanding record of diligent service to the people of
86 Senate District 5 and the State of Alabama and for his
87 invaluable contributions to this body over the past 15
88 years.