

# **SJR55 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senators Melson, Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,  
5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,  
6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Price, Roberts,  
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

9 RFD: Rules

10 First Read: 03-Apr-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING CHARLES C. ANDERSON FOR EARNING THE  
5 BUSINESS ALABAMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 2025.  
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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,  
8 highest commendations and congratulations are conveyed to  
9 Charles C. Anderson, a native son and lifelong resident of  
10 Florence, Alabama, for earning the Business Alabama Lifetime  
11 Achievement Award in 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Anderson began working for the  
13 family business, Anderson News Company, as a child, though  
14 his full partnership with his father began after he  
15 graduated Florence State Teachers College, now the  
16 University of North Alabama, in 1956; he turned down a  
17 high-paying management position to accept his father's offer  
18 to buy one-third of the company because he knew he could  
19 grow the business his father started, and he did; in 1956,  
20 the company operated two newsstands and three trucks that  
21 wholesaled magazines and paperback books in the North  
22 Alabama area; and

23 WHEREAS, Charles Anderson grew that business into  
24 four separate companies: Anderson Media, TNT Fireworks,  
25 Anderson Press, and Books-A-Million, Incorporated; he now  
26 serves as Chairman Emeritus of the quad of companies and his  
27 sons, Charles, Jr., Terry, Clyde, and Harold, serve as CEOs  
28 of the family businesses; and



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29           WHEREAS, Charles Anderson has served on the boards of  
30   First National Bank of Florence, the U.S. Space and Rocket  
31   Center, Heritage Trust Fund, and the Shoals Economic  
32   Development Authority Board, as well as the National  
33   Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; and he is Chairman of  
34   First Southern Bank, which his family co-owns; and

35           WHEREAS, Charles Anderson has earned many awards and  
36   accolades over the years, including University of North  
37   Alabama Alumnus of the Year in 1979; he was inducted into  
38   the Alabama Business Hall of Fame in 2002, the Alabama  
39   Academy of Honor in 2011, and the Florence Walk of Honor in  
40   2016; he is a Horatio Alger Award Recipient, Class of 2015;  
41   and he is a member of the President's Cabinet at both the  
42   University of North Alabama and The University of Alabama;  
43   now therefore,

44           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
45   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Charles C. Anderson is  
46   highly commended for earning the Business Alabama Lifetime  
47   Achievement Award, and this resolution is offered to him in  
48   highest regard and with best wishes for continued success  
49   and prosperity.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 03-Apr-25

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and  
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 09-Apr-25

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By: Senator Melson