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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.