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2 RBR52MN-2

3 By Representatives Moore (P), Stadthagen, Shaver, Kiel, Baker,

4 Lee, Reynolds, Hulsey, Clouse, Ingram, Pringle, Yarbrough,

5 Wilcox, Underwood, Hall, Treadaway, Pettus, Lovvorn, Stringer,

6 Simpson, Shirey, Lamb, Givens, Holk-Jones, Fidler, Ross,

7 Daniels, Garrett, England, Hollis, Drummond, Warren, Paramore,

8 Robbins, Carns, Crawford, Standridge, Whitt, Nelson, Lomax,

9 Rigsby, DuBose, Shaw, Morris, Datcher, Hurst, Marques,

10 Sorrells, Bedsole, Ledbetter, Barnes, Robertson, Hammett,

11 Harrison, Butler, Paschal, Allbright, Jones, Bracy, Tillman,

12 Jackson, Starnes, Fincher, Lands, Easterbrook, Bolton, Mooney,

13 Gray, McClammy, Givan, Moore (M), Kirkland, Brown, Rehm,

14 Whorton, Brinyark, Crow

15 RFD: Rules

16 First Read: 03-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE TERRI COLLINS ON HER ACCOMPLISHED
4 CAREER OF SERVICE.

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6 WHEREAS, on the eve of the conclusion of
7 Representative Terri Collins' long and distinguished
8 legislative career, it is both fitting and proper to recount
9 her many accomplishments and contributions to the State of
10 Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Terri Collins was raised in
12 Birmingham and attended The University of Alabama, where she
13 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing; she
14 married her beloved husband and resided in Chattanooga
15 before moving to Decatur in 1982; and

16 WHEREAS, she worked for sixteen years in the banking
17 industry as Vice President of Marketing and Sales before
18 being elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in
19 2010, handily defeating her Democratic opponent with 56
20 percent of the vote; she was a member of the historic
21 freshman class that secured Republican control of the
22 Legislature for the first time in 136 years and helped usher
23 in the supermajorities that continue to this day; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Collins began serving on the
25 Education Ways and Means Committee in 2011 and was first
26 appointed Chair of the Education Policy Committee in 2015;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, since taking office, Representative Collins



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29 has sponsored and successfully carried numerous significant
30 pieces of legislation, including, but by no means limited
31 to, the Alabama Human Life Protection Act, the Alabama
32 Literacy Act, the Alabama School Choice and Student
33 Opportunity Act, Erin's Law, the Alabama College and Career
34 Readiness Act, and the Alabama Rural Hospital Investment Act
35 of 2025; and

36 WHEREAS, among her other notable legislative
37 achievements are the creation of the Alabama Workforce
38 Council; passage of the state's Good Samaritan law providing
39 civil immunity to individuals who voluntarily render
40 emergency assistance; and enactment of a measure requiring
41 only gun show promoters, rather than individual vendors, to
42 obtain a business license; and

43 WHEREAS, throughout her legislative service, she
44 secured substantial state funding for senior centers,
45 schools, parks, pre-K programs, nonprofits, and other
46 essential services within her legislative district; and

47 WHEREAS, she was appointed by the Speaker of the
48 House of Representatives to serve on the Women's Commission
49 and the School Safety Advisory Commission, which she
50 chaired, as well as the Education Committee of the Southern
51 Legislative Conference; she also served as Chair of the
52 Education Policy Committee of the National Conference of
53 State Legislators; and

54 WHEREAS, she was appointed by the Governor to the
55 Alabama Workforce Development Board and the Southern
56 Regional Education Board, where she also served as Chair;



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57 and notably, she served as Chair of the Child Abuse and
58 Neglect Prevention Board; and

59 WHEREAS, ever close to Representative Collins' heart
60 has been her commitment to community service, including
61 service as Chair of the Tennessee Valley Caucus; service on
62 the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center of Morgan
63 County and the Decatur Morgan Hospital Board; as a founding
64 member and Chair of the Women's Leadership Council and the
65 Morgan County Giving Circle of the Women's Foundation in
66 Decatur; and as President of the Decatur Rotary Club; and

67 WHEREAS, Representative Collins credits much of her
68 personal and legislative success to the constant support and
69 encouragement from her late husband, Tom, who was an active
70 and beloved figure in the Decatur community; together, they
71 were blessed with three children: Tracie Collins McPhillips
72 (Joseph), Tricia Collins, and Taylor Collins, and two
73 cherished grandchildren; and

74 WHEREAS, although the gentlelady from Decatur has
75 announced that she will not seek reelection to the House of
76 Representatives seat she has so honorably held for sixteen
77 years, she departs the public spotlight secure in the
78 knowledge that her work in Montgomery has strengthened the
79 protections afforded to unborn life, transformed public
80 education through higher standards and accountability,
81 strengthened the state's workforce, and expanded parental
82 choice in how Alabama's children are educated; and

83 WHEREAS, this body knows that her dedication to
84 service will not conclude when she leaves these hallowed



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85 chambers but will continue in new and meaningful ways for
86 the benefit of her fellow Alabamians and all those she
87 serves; now therefore,

88 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
89 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That State Representative Terri
90 Collins is hereby highly commended and honored for sixteen
91 years of faithful and effective service to the people of the
92 State of Alabama and the future of this great state.

93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
94 resolution be presented to Representative Terri Collins as a
95 lasting token of the Legislature's profound gratitude,
96 admiration, and congratulations upon the conclusion of her
97 distinguished service in the Alabama House of
98 Representatives.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 10-Mar-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

17-Mar-26

Adopted