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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  
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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE TERRI COLLINS ON HER ACCOMPLISHED CAREER OF SERVICE.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

55           WHEREAS, she was appointed by the Governor to the  
56 Alabama Workforce Development Board and the Southern



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57 Regional Education Board, where she also served as Chair;  
58 and notably, she served as Chair of the Child Abuse and  
59 Neglect Prevention Board; and

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

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

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

84 WHEREAS, this body knows that her dedication to



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85 service will not conclude when she leaves these hallowed  
86 chambers but will continue in new and meaningful ways for  
87 the benefit of her fellow Alabamians and all those she  
88 serves; now therefore,

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

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