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3 By Representatives Pringle, Lee, Lomax, Garrett, Faulkner,
4 Holk-Jones, Fidler, Ross, Givens, Simpson, Lamb, Sells,
5 Paramore, Crawford, Standridge, Carns, Starnes, Colvin,
6 Stringer, Rehm, Wood (R), Ellis, Pettus, Treadaway, Brinyark,
7 Underwood, Nelson, Shaver, Barnes, DuBose, Crow, Rigsby,
8 Whitt, Yarbrough, Hammett, Robertson, Albright, Ledbetter

9 RFD: RULES

10 First Read: 17-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 NAMING THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING AT 501 WASHINGTON AVENUE IN
4 MONTGOMERY THE KAY IVEY OFFICE BUILDING.

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6 WHEREAS, Alabama's 54th governor, Kay Ellen Ivey, is
7 the longest continuously serving governor in state history
8 and the longest-serving female governor in American history;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Ivey grew up in the small town of
11 Camden, in Wilcox County, the only child of Boadman Nettles
12 Ivey and Barbara Elizabeth Ivey, who instilled in her the
13 values of hard work, faith, family, and community; and

14 WHEREAS, after volunteering for Lurleen B. Wallace's
15 successful 1966 gubernatorial campaign and concluding an
16 effective four-year career in student government at her
17 beloved Auburn University, Governor Ivey embarked on a
18 career that began in the classroom as a high school history
19 and English teacher and continued through service as a bank
20 officer, Assistant Director of the Alabama Development
21 Office, Reading Clerk of the Alabama House of
22 Representatives, Government Affairs Director for the Alabama
23 Commission on Higher Education, State Treasurer (2003-2011),
24 and Lieutenant Governor (2011-2017); and

25 WHEREAS, following the resignation of her
26 predecessor, then-Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey became
27 Governor Kay Ivey when she took the oath of office at 6:01
28 p.m. on April 10, 2017, in the Old Senate Chamber of the



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29 State Capitol, leading her to say, "Most governors have
30 three months to prepare; I had three hours"; and

31 WHEREAS, newly installed Governor Ivey not only
32 succeeded at "steadying the ship of state" after years of
33 tumult in Alabama state government but also wracked up an
34 unprecedented series of accomplishments through her quiet
35 but persistent, collaborative, and deliberate leadership;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, as Alabama's economic-development governor,
38 Governor Ivey presided over a state economy that
39 consistently ranked in the top 10 states nationally both for
40 its business climate and for in-migration, as evidenced by
41 the investment of \$69 billion (billion with a "B") in new
42 capital investments and the creation of over 100,000 new
43 jobs; and

44 WHEREAS, as Alabama's infrastructure governor,
45 Governor Ivey's signature Rebuild Alabama program led to the
46 investment of more than \$2 billion in upgrades to Alabama's
47 roads and bridges, funding some 500 vital road and bridge
48 projects in all 67 Alabama counties, an initiative
49 paralleled by a similar deployment of over \$2.5 billion to
50 ensure universal access to high-speed, broadband Internet
51 across Alabama, and which is complemented by her directing
52 over \$900 million to support water infrastructure projects
53 throughout the state; and

54 WHEREAS, as Alabama's education governor, Governor
55 Ivey's tenure has seen Alabama skyrocket in national
56 rankings; for example, the state has moved from dead last to



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57 32nd in fourth-grade math and 34th in fourth-grade reading
58 through the implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy
59 Acts, Governor Ivey's Strong Start, Strong Finish
60 initiative, the statewide expansion of the Dolly Parton
61 Imagination Library, the passage of the state's highest-ever
62 education budgets, including best-in-the-region teacher
63 salaries, and the banning of cell phones in public K-12
64 classrooms, all while authoring and championing the state's
65 adoption of universal school choice through her landmark
66 CHOOSE Act; and

67 WHEREAS, as Alabama's public-safety governor,
68 Governor Ivey has achieved generational successes in the
69 area of public safety, including the construction of new
70 prisons in Elmore and Escambia Counties to replace the
71 state's aging prison infrastructure, the restructuring of
72 the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, a top-to-bottom
73 review of execution procedures, the establishment of a Metro
74 Area Crime Suppression Unit to bolster police in our Capital
75 City, and passage of the 2025 Safe Alabama legislative
76 package, which among other things included enhanced legal
77 protections for law enforcement officers; and

78 WHEREAS, Governor Ivey has also worked quietly but
79 persistently to ensure good government in Alabama, from
80 dissolving unnecessary state task forces, banning the
81 appointment of lobbyists to executive-branch positions, and
82 ending the misuse of local inmate food funds to successfully
83 navigating the COVID-19 pandemic (and some 33 other states
84 of emergency), overseeing 10 consecutive budgets without



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85 proration, requiring state agencies to maintain their public
86 funds in the State Treasury, improving accountability of
87 state-vehicle use, and enhancing state agencies'
88 responsiveness to public-records requests; and

89 WHEREAS, throughout it all, Governor Ivey has always,
90 always, always reflected Alabama values, from the right to
91 life, protection of children, and promotion of religious
92 liberty to good, old-fashioned hard work, Southern
93 hospitality, common sense, decency, and respect for others;
94 and

95 WHEREAS, there truly is no step too high for our most
96 celebrated and most loved "high-stepper," Governor Kay Ellen
97 Ivey; now therefore,

98 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
99 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor Governor Ivey, who
100 has loved her state and served it so well, the Alabama
101 Building Renovation Finance Authority is strongly encouraged
102 to designate the State of Alabama office building located at
103 501 Washington Avenue in Montgomery the "Kay Ivey Office
104 Building," to sit in parallel to the state office building
105 named for her political inspiration, Lurleen B. Wallace, and
106 to stand as an enduring marker of our admiration and respect
107 for her successful tenure as Alabama's Chief Executive.

108 BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Alabama Building
109 Renovation Finance Authority take all appropriate steps,
110 consistent with applicable requirements and laws, to
111 effectuate this designation, including by causing Governor
112 Ivey's name to appear on the outside of the building, by



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113 erecting all appropriate signs and markers, and by posting a
114 framed copy of this resolution in a prominent location
115 within the building lobby.



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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 17-Mar-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

02-Apr-26

Adopted