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HJR\_\_\_ NAMING THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING AT 501 WASHINGTON AVENUE IN MONTGOMERY THE KAY IVEY OFFICE BUILDING.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, following the resignation of her predecessor, then-Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey became Governor Kay Ivey when she took the oath of office at 6:01



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29 p.m. on April 10, 2017, in the Old Senate Chamber of the  
30 State Capitol, leading her to say, "Most governors have  
31 three months to prepare; I had three hours"; and

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

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

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

55 WHEREAS, as Alabama's education governor, Governor  
56 Ivey's tenure has seen Alabama skyrocket in national



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

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

79 WHEREAS, Governor Ivey has also worked quietly but  
80 persistently to ensure good government in Alabama, from  
81 dissolving unnecessary state task forces, banning the  
82 appointment of lobbyists to executive-branch positions, and  
83 ending the misuse of local inmate food funds to successfully  
84 navigating the COVID-19 pandemic (and some 33 other states



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85 of emergency), overseeing 10 consecutive budgets without  
86 proration, requiring state agencies to maintain their public  
87 funds in the State Treasury, improving accountability of  
88 state-vehicle use, and enhancing state agencies'  
89 responsiveness to public-records requests; and

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

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

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

109 BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Alabama Building  
110 Renovation Finance Authority take all appropriate steps,  
111 consistent with applicable requirements and laws, to  
112 effectuate this designation, including by causing Governor



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113 Ivey's name to appear on the outside of the building, by  
114 erecting all appropriate signs and markers, and by posting a  
115 framed copy of this resolution in a prominent location  
116 within the building lobby.