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3 By Representatives Ledbetter, Lovvorn, Lee, Allbright, Baker,  
4 Barnes, Bedsole, Blackshear, Bolton, Boyd, Bracy, Brinyark,  
5 Brown, Butler, Carns, Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse, Collins,  
6 Colvin, Crawford, Crow, Daniels, Datcher, Drummond, DuBose,  
7 Easterbrook, Ellis, England, Estes, Faulkner, Fidler, Fincher,  
8 Forte, Garrett, Gidley, Givan, Givens, Gray, Hall, Hammett,  
9 Harrison, Hassell, Hendrix, Hill, Holk-Jones, Hollis, Hulsey,  
10 Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Jones, Kiel, Kirkland, Lamb, Lands,  
11 Lawrence, Lipscomb, Lomax, Marques, McCampbell, McClammy,  
12 Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morris, Myrex, Nelson, Oliver,  
13 Paramore, Paschal, Pettus, Pringle, Rafferty, Rehm, Reynolds,  
14 Rigsby, Robbins, Robertson, Ross, Sellers, Sells, Shaver,  
15 Shaw, Shirey, Simpson, Smith, Sorrells, Stadthagen,  
16 Standridge, Starnes, Stringer, Stubbs, Tillman, Travis,  
17 Treadaway, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, Whitt, Whorton,  
18 Wilcox, Wood (R), Yarbrough

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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIP ENSLER ON HIS PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, it is with highest admiration and deepest respect that we commend the Honorable Phillip Ensler, currently serving as a Democratic member of the Alabama House of Representatives, representing District 74, for his many accomplishments and dedicated service to the people of the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, upon his election in 2022, Representative Ensler made history as the first Jewish lawmaker in the Alabama Legislature in over four decades and the first Democrat to flip a House seat in over a decade, bringing a unique and vital perspective to the State House; and

WHEREAS, as an undergraduate student at George Washington University in Washington D.C., he served as an intern during the Obama Administration; Representative Ensler first came to Montgomery as a Teach For America corps member, where he taught social studies at the former Lee High School, an experience that forged his lifelong bond with the community and ignited his passion for educational equity; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, he started a program called Marching On, in which some of his students and he would fly to Washington, D.C., often the students' first time on an



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29 airplane, to meet with leaders, tour colleges, and learn  
30 about career opportunities; he has continued leading the  
31 program each year since and expanded it to include students  
32 from all five of Montgomery's traditional public high  
33 schools; and

34 WHEREAS, in order to become an even more effective  
35 agent for social change, he earned his law degree from  
36 Cardozo School of Law; after passing the Alabama Bar, he  
37 served as Policy Counsel for Alabama Appleseed Center for  
38 Law and Justice, and later he served as Montgomery Mayor  
39 Steven Reed's Senior Policy Advisor; and

40 WHEREAS, recently, it was the honor of a lifetime for  
41 Representative Ensler to serve as Claudette Colvin's  
42 attorney in her successful attempt to expunge her court  
43 record from being the first person arrested for refusing to  
44 give up her seat on a Montgomery bus in 1955; and

45 WHEREAS, currently, Representative Ensler serves as  
46 Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Central  
47 Alabama, where he develops, implements, and oversees  
48 finances, programming, and fundraising; he also leads  
49 efforts to combat anti-semitism and build multi-faith  
50 coalitions to combat racism and foster acceptance of all  
51 people; and

52 WHEREAS, throughout his service in the Alabama  
53 Legislature, Representative Ensler has been an advocate for  
54 members of the community and has served on the Commerce and  
55 Small Business Committee, Financial Services Committee,  
56 Insurance Committee, Local Legislation Committee, and the



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57 Montgomery County Legislation Committee; and

58 WHEREAS, Representative Ensler has been instrumental  
59 in advancing policies that have made a significant impact in  
60 the lives of Alabamians, including his work on gun violence  
61 prevention through the glock switch ban and securing \$2.5  
62 million in funding for mental health in public schools in  
63 the 2026 Education Trust Fund budget; and

64 WHEREAS, Representative Ensler is widely admired for  
65 his involvement in the community and is seen as an asset to  
66 the Democratic party; his work has consistently transcended  
67 partisan lines, focusing on the human element of policy,  
68 from ensuring students have resources to succeed to ensuring  
69 families feel safe in their homes; and

70 WHEREAS, Representative Phillip Ensler has served the  
71 people of District 74 with a profound sense of duty,  
72 informed by a life dedicated to social justice, education,  
73 and the rule of law; now therefore,

74 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
75 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Representative Phillip  
76 Ensler is highly honored and commended for his outstanding  
77 record of service to the people of House District 74 and the  
78 State of Alabama and for his invaluable contributions over  
79 the past four years.