

# HJR46 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Collins, Drummond  
4 RFD: Rules  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING CATHY WALLER MCGOWIN AND HER WORK WITH THE  
4 ALABAMA WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

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6 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
7 commending Cathy Waller McGowin for eight years of exemplary  
8 service as a member of the Alabama Women's Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, Cathy Waller McGowin is a native of  
10 Birmingham, Alabama, where she attended Huffman High School,  
11 and in 1984 relocated to Mobile, Alabama, with her husband,  
12 Dr. Jeff McGowin, as he began his career in orthopedic  
13 surgery; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. McGowin earned her nursing degree from  
15 the Capstone College of Nursing at The University of Alabama  
16 in 1980 and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau  
17 International Honor Society for Nursing; and

18 WHEREAS, she has devoted her professional career to  
19 nursing and health care, serving patients in both Jefferson  
20 and Mobile Counties in a variety of clinical settings,  
21 including Emergency Care, Critical Care, Post-Surgical Care,  
22 and Cardiac Rehabilitation; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to her professional service,  
24 Mrs. McGowin has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to  
25 community involvement and volunteerism in Mobile County,  
26 including service on the Board of Directors for the Junior  
27 League of Mobile and the Medical Alliance for Mobile County;  
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29           WHEREAS, her charitable work includes volunteering  
30 with Camp Rap-A-Hope, an organization providing year-round  
31 programs and summer camp experiences for children ages seven  
32 through 17 who have or has had cancer, as well as tutoring  
33 4th grade students in mathematics through Partners in  
34 Education and serving as president of the Parent-Teacher  
35 Association at her children's school; and

36           WHEREAS, as an active community volunteer, Mrs.  
37 McGowin has chaired fundraising efforts for numerous  
38 nonprofit organizations and, together with her husband,  
39 served as Club Leader for the University of Virginia Club of  
40 Mobile, where she established an annual service project to  
41 support local charities; and

42           WHEREAS, in recognition of her leadership and  
43 commitment to advancing the status of women, Mrs. McGowin  
44 was appointed by Governor Kay Ivey in 2017 to serve as a  
45 Commissioner on the Alabama Women's Commission and has  
46 served as Chair of the Commission since October 2020; and

47           WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Alabama Women's  
48 Commission, Mrs. McGowin has played a key role in advancing  
49 impactful initiatives, including the 211KNOW text messaging  
50 program, a collaborative study with The University of  
51 Alabama examining the effects of parental cell phone use on  
52 preschool child development, and the Lunch and Learn program  
53 designed for agency leaders across the State of Alabama; and

54           WHEREAS, Mrs. McGowin is also an active member of St.  
55 Ignatius Catholic Church, where she has volunteered her time  
56 teaching religious education classes to elementary-aged



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57 children, and was appointed by Governor Kay Ivey in January  
58 2023 to serve on the Board of the Department of Child Abuse  
59 and Neglect Prevention, further reflecting her dedication to  
60 service, faith, and the well-being of Alabama's children and  
61 families; and

62 WHEREAS, Mrs. McGowin's life and work exemplify  
63 public service, leadership, compassion, and an unwavering  
64 commitment to improving the lives of women, children, and  
65 families throughout the State of Alabama; now therefore,

66 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
67 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Cathy Waller McGowin is  
68 highly honored and commended for her service as a member of  
69 the Alabama Women's Commission, and this resolution is  
70 offered in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with  
71 best wishes for all future endeavors.

