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3 By Representatives Collins, Drummond
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4 HJR____ COMMENDING CATHY WALLER MCGOWIN AND HER WORK WITH THE
5 ALABAMA WOMEN'S COMMISSION.
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7 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
8 commending Cathy Waller McGowin for eight years of exemplary
9 service as a member of the Alabama Women's Commission; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, in addition to her professional service,
25 Mrs. McGowin has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to
26 community involvement and volunteerism in Mobile County,
27 including service on the Board of Directors for the Junior
28 League of Mobile and the Medical Alliance for Mobile County;



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29 and

30 WHEREAS, her charitable work includes volunteering
31 with Camp Rap-A-Hope, an organization providing year-round
32 programs and summer camp experiences for children ages seven
33 through 17 who have or has had cancer, as well as tutoring
34 4th grade students in mathematics through Partners in
35 Education and serving as president of the Parent-Teacher
36 Association at her children's school; and

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

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

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

55 WHEREAS, Mrs. McGowin is also an active member of St.
56 Ignatius Catholic Church, where she has volunteered her time



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

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

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