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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CATHY MITCHELL  
UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with profound appreciation and deepest admiration that we celebrate Cathy Mitchell for 24 years of distinguished public service and steadfast commitment to the residents of Scottsboro and Jackson County through her work as Executive Director at the IMPACT Learning Center; we also take this opportunity to heartily congratulate her upon her retirement, effective in January 2026; and

WHEREAS, Cathy has dedicated her life's work to improving the lives of others, especially children; she helped to expand educational opportunities across Jackson County through strengthening community partnerships between nonprofit organizations, schools, and families; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Cathy's adult professional life has been devoted to service at the IMPACT (Individually Managing Personal Achievement & Career Training) Learning Center; she began as a Network Coordinator, establishing and supervising the first pre-K classes in both Jackson County and the City of Scottsboro; her leadership efforts contributed directly to both school systems establishing successful public pre-K programs; and

WHEREAS, through IMPACT, Cathy initiated and supported numerous educational enrichment programs,



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29 including adult computer classes; ACT preparation classes;  
30 resume preparation assistance for adults; "Choices" classes  
31 for sixth-graders which encouraged school retention; Liberty  
32 Learning citizen enrichment classes for second-, fifth-, and  
33 seventh-graders; and STEM Family Activity Nights at local  
34 schools; and

35 WHEREAS, Cathy also helped establish the Dolly Parton  
36 Imagination Library for Jackson County, resulting in the  
37 delivery of approximately 70,000 books to children ages five  
38 and under in just three years; she facilitated Ron Clark  
39 training for teachers, who in turn trained additional  
40 educators, expanding instructional impact throughout the  
41 county; and Cathy consistently worked to improve educational  
42 access and opportunities for children and adults throughout  
43 Jackson County; and

44 WHEREAS, her work in the community extends to Nourish  
45 One Child, a local nonprofit providing weekend food  
46 assistance to children in the City of Scottsboro; as an  
47 active board member, Cathy is instrumental in organizing and  
48 helping establish Food for Thought for children in Jackson  
49 County; she is also actively involved in fundraising  
50 efforts, including Dragon Races and grant writing  
51 initiatives; and

52 WHEREAS, other community involvement includes service  
53 as a board member for the Jackson County United Givers Fund  
54 and longtime membership in the Three Arts Club, a local  
55 women's charity organization supporting arts education in  
56 Scottsboro City Schools; Cathy is also an active member of



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57 the United Methodist Church; and

58 WHEREAS, through her work, Cathy has passionately  
59 demonstrated a lifelong commitment to service, leadership,  
60 and the advancement of educational and community  
61 initiatives; now therefore,

62 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
63 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most highly commend  
64 Cathy Mitchell for faithful devotion to her community as an  
65 educator at the IMPACT Learning Center, and we extend to her  
66 our heartfelt gratitude and sincere best wishes for  
67 continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in her future  
68 endeavors.