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HR_____ COMMENDING LINDA HELLENA KAUFFELD WHITE UPON HER RETIREMENT AS A MEDICAID NURSE II WITH THE MEDICAID AGENCY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and deep appreciation that we recognize individuals who have unselfishly devoted their lives to public service and the health of Alabamians throughout this great state; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Linda Hellena Kauffeld White graduated from College of the Ozarks with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and began many years of exemplary public service as a teacher, first at Paris Elementary School in Arkansas and then at Catoma Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, capitalizing on her interest in health and her natural talent for always serving others, she pursued a nursing degree; she graduated from Arkansas Northeastern College, formerly known as Mississippi County Community College, in 1986, and the following year, she began working as a nurse with HealthSouth in Montgomery; subsequently trading in late nights for a new opportunity to promote public health, Mrs. White joined the Medicaid Agency of the State of Alabama as a Medicaid Nurse I and Field Nurse Specialist in March of 1991; she later achieved a promotion to Medicaid Nurse II; and



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29 WHEREAS, throughout her notable tenure at Medicaid,
30 Mrs. White dutifully accomplished numerous tasks and
31 assisted providers in ensuring that quality health care was
32 available to all from Huntsville to Mobile; her diverse work
33 covered family planning and prenatal care, nurse midwives,
34 and maternal and pediatric health care; and

35 WHEREAS, logging hundreds of thousands of miles
36 throughout the state to conduct on-site visits with
37 providers, collect statistical data, verify data accuracy,
38 analyze and evaluate the Prenatal and Maternity Waiver
39 Program, assist in the orientation of new health care
40 providers, review sterilization waivers, and perform
41 post-payment review, Mrs. White's immeasurable contributions
42 in her role greatly enhanced Medicaid's credibility through
43 public relations and impacted countless lives through the
44 promotion and facilitation of premium health services; and

45 WHEREAS, receiving numerous promotions and accolades
46 throughout her career, Mrs. White's superiors have noted
47 that "she always went above and beyond her duties to
48 research and resolve claim issues that have likely saved the
49 agency thousands of dollars"; and that "Mrs. Linda has been
50 praised by numerous providers for her keen knowledge and
51 expertise with maternity billing"; and

52 WHEREAS, not only did Mrs. White contribute
53 professionally to the agency, she also invested in and
54 encouraged her community and others in need through her
55 generosity and fun-loving spirit that never met a stranger;
56 she would often be the first to belt out a rendition of



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57 "Happy Birthday" on someone's special day and would
58 coordinate the collection of money from coworkers to
59 purchase Christmas gifts and necessities for those who had
60 fallen on unfortunate circumstances; and

61 WHEREAS, Mrs. White effortlessly balanced her
62 professional life and work with her faith and devoted love
63 for her family; she was married to the late Don Gene White
64 for 48 years and has two children, Gina Metcalf (Mitch) and
65 Josh White; and three grandchildren, Casey Anderson, Austin
66 White, and Dalton George (Avery); and

67 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Thorington Road Baptist
68 Church, Mrs. White has put her strong faith in action by
69 serving as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and youth
70 chaperone on many youth trips, where she always planned
71 skits and other shenanigans to bring about fun and laughter;
72 she traveled to Russia in 1996 to assist World Help in
73 distributing Bibles, health care products, and school
74 supplies; and

75 WHEREAS, Linda White's distinguished 35-year career
76 with the Medicaid Agency of the State of Alabama comes to a
77 close on April 1, 2026; however, her legacy of public
78 service, professionalism, compassion, and expertise, along
79 with her unique ability to significantly impact the lives of
80 others for the better with laughter and a smile, will live
81 on in perpetuity through the countless people she has
82 served; now therefore,

83 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
84 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby commend Linda Hellena



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85 Kauffeld White for her exemplary service with the Medicaid
86 Agency of the State of Alabama for an astounding 35 years,
87 and we extend heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of
88 her retirement, along with best wishes for continued health,
89 happiness, and fulfillment in the years to come.