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SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILL AINSWORTH FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, with utmost admiration and sincere respect, we take great pride in commending Alabama's 31st Lieutenant Governor William "Will" Ainsworth for his many accomplishments toward the betterment of our state, especially in the areas of workforce development, military support, and tax reform; and

WHEREAS, Will Ainsworth was born in Birmingham to Billy and Sharon Ainsworth in 1981; he grew up in Boaz and graduated from Westbrook Christian School in 1999; after attaining a Bachelor's degree in marketing from Auburn University in 2004, he returned to Marshall County and served Albertville's Grace Fellowship Church as a youth pastor; and

WHEREAS, along with his brother, Austin, Lt. Governor Ainsworth opened Dream Ranch Hunting Lodge in Guntersville in 2003; he also founded the Tennessee Valley Hunting and Fishing Expo in 2011 and became a real estate investor specializing in residential construction and development; in addition, he operates a commercial cattle operation in Guntersville; and

WHEREAS, after answering the call to serve his community through elected office, Lt. Governor Ainsworth won



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29 a 27th District Seat in the Alabama House of Representatives  
30 in 2014; while serving in the House, he was a champion for  
31 pre-K, K-12, and higher education; passed election integrity  
32 legislation; and emphasized issues relating to business,  
33 agriculture, and family values; and

34 WHEREAS, keeping a self-imposed legislative term  
35 limit promise, Lt. Governor Ainsworth declared his candidacy  
36 for lieutenant governor in 2018 and received the most votes  
37 of any candidate for constitutional office on the general  
38 election ballot; he was elected to a second term without  
39 major party opposition in 2022; and

40 WHEREAS, during the 2023 Legislative Session, Lt.  
41 Governor Ainsworth was the chief architect and proponent of  
42 the largest tax cut in Alabama history, a \$300 million  
43 reduction in the state sales tax on groceries; he has also  
44 been instrumental in renewing the Alabama Jobs Act and  
45 Growing Alabama, to ensure that our state remains  
46 competitive in recruiting high-paying 21st century jobs; and

47 WHEREAS, as Chair of the Alabama Small Business  
48 Commission, Lt. Governor Ainsworth has worked to promote  
49 policies that grow and expand both new and existing  
50 businesses, from small, mom-and-pop operations to Alabama's  
51 largest employers; and

52 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Alabama Military  
53 Stability Commission has passed dozens of bills in the  
54 Legislature to ensure Alabama remains the nation's most  
55 welcoming state to active soldiers and veterans; in 2024, he  
56 highlighted the enactment of a 10-bill pro-military package



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57 and launched the Heroes Welcome website as a resource for  
58 transitioning families; as a result, his efforts on behalf  
59 of military members and their families earned Lt. Governor  
60 Ainsworth the Pete Taylor Award from the U.S. Department of  
61 Defense; and

62 WHEREAS, he also served as National Chair of the  
63 Aerospace States Association, a group of elected officials,  
64 academics, and private sector entities from states with ties  
65 to the aviation and spaceflight industries; Lt. Governor  
66 Ainsworth has served as a strong advocate for Alabama's  
67 aerospace industry, promoted STEM education in K-12 schools,  
68 and has pushed the Pentagon to maintain its commitment of  
69 placing U.S. Space Command Headquarters in Huntsville; he  
70 also launched an aerospace internship program, as well as an  
71 aerospace supplier program; and

72 WHEREAS, perhaps one of Lt. Governor Ainsworth's more  
73 visible accomplishments to visitors touring our state is his  
74 "Go Wide I-65" campaign to widen the interstate to at least  
75 three lanes on each side from the Tennessee state line down  
76 to Alabama's Gulf Coast, aiding safety, traffic congestion,  
77 and statewide economic impact; and

78 WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Ainsworth is married to the  
79 former Kendall Foster, and they are the proud parents of  
80 Hunter, Hays, and Addie; the Ainsworths are members of  
81 Gilliam Springs Baptist Church in Arab, where Kendall  
82 teaches the Children's Sunday School Class; Lt. Governor  
83 Ainsworth enjoys spending time with his family in the  
84 outdoors, coaching, and playing sports; and



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85           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth will forever  
86 be remembered for his conservative Christian values, ethical  
87 standards, and staunch advocacy for jobs and high quality  
88 public education; now therefore,

89           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
90 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Lieutenant Governor Will  
91 Ainsworth is highly honored and commended for his many  
92 contributions to the people of Alabama, and we express  
93 profound gratitude for his dedicated service as a mentor,  
94 role model, and advocate for the continued growth of  
95 Alabama, inspiring others through his professionalism,  
96 compassion, and tireless work ethic.

97           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be  
98 entered into the official record as a lasting tribute to  
99 Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth's exemplary leadership  
100 and enduring impact on the residents of Alabama.