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3 By Senators Weaver, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,

4 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,

5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,

6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr,

7 Price, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman,

8 Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner, Williams, Woods

9 RFD: Rules

10 First Read: 03-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ COMMENDING PEGGY SELLERS BENSON ON THE OCCASION OF
5 HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ALABAMA BOARD OF
6 NURSING.

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8 WHEREAS, Peggy Sellers Benson has announced her
9 retirement as Executive Officer of the Alabama Board of
10 Nursing, effective May 1, 2026; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Dora in Walker County, Alabama,
12 she entered Alabama's nursing workforce as a registered
13 nurse in 1979 after earning an Associate Degree in Nursing
14 from Jefferson State Community College; and

15 WHEREAS, she continued to pursue professional growth,
16 earning a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
17 and a Certificate in the Health Care Administration
18 Development Program from The University of Alabama at
19 Birmingham; a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration
20 from Kennedy-Western University; and both a Bachelor of
21 Science and a Master of Science in Nursing from Jacksonville
22 State University; and

23 WHEREAS, Peggy Benson resides in Clanton, Alabama,
24 with her husband of more than 40 years, Harold Hall "Butch"
25 Benson, Jr., and is the loving mother of four children and
26 grandmother of three grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson has served with distinction as
28 the Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing since April



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29 11, 2015; and

30 WHEREAS, she previously served the board as a member,
31 Nursing Consultant, and Deputy Director during an
32 association spanning nearly three decades; and

33 WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson and the Alabama Board of Nursing
34 have played an integral role in Alabama's efforts to address
35 the continuing national shortage of practicing nurses and to
36 ensure access to care for all citizens; and

37 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Alabama Board of
38 Nursing made a decision to obtain legislative approval to
39 join the national Nurse Licensure Compact, an action that
40 has had lasting positive effects on nurses and patients
41 throughout the state; and

42 WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson has continued to lead the board
43 and the state in eliminating barriers to practice for
44 Alabama nurses and in providing resources to ease the burden
45 on nurses at the bedside; this leadership includes the
46 statutory creation and implementation of three new
47 classifications of health care workers in Alabama, Student
48 Nurse Apprentices, Medication Assistants-Certified, and
49 Nursing Support Technicians, each of which strengthens
50 patient care while expanding and enhancing career pathways
51 for aspiring health care professionals; and

52 WHEREAS, she is widely recognized as an expert and
53 leader in nursing workforce development and has been invited
54 to present her innovative solutions to organizations
55 throughout Alabama and the United States, including the
56 National Council of State Boards of Nursing and the National



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57 Governors Association; and

58 WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson has received numerous awards
59 from state, national, and international health care,
60 professional, and regulatory organizations, including the
61 National Council of State Boards of Nursing; the Council on
62 Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation; the Alabama State
63 Nurses Association; and the Nurse Practitioner Alliance of
64 Alabama; and

65 WHEREAS, prior to becoming Executive Officer, she
66 distinguished herself within Alabama's health care community
67 as a bedside nurse, nurse manager, Chief Nursing Officer,
68 nurse educator, and hospital administrator at facilities
69 throughout the state; and

70 WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson's long and distinguished career
71 reflects a deep commitment to patient care and to the
72 competence and integrity of the nurses who provide such
73 care; now therefore,

74 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
75 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Peggy Sellers Benson, MSN,
76 RN, MSHA, NE-BC, is hereby congratulated on the occasion of
77 her retirement as Executive Officer of the Alabama Board of
78 Nursing, with sincere best wishes for continued health,
79 happiness, and success in the years to come.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 10-Mar-26

By: Senator Weaver