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2 4U7C6R3-2
3 By Senator Orr
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 12-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ COMMENDING MR. JIM AMERICA FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE
5 ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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7 WHEREAS, with profound appreciation and deepest
8 admiration, we commend Mr. Jim America for seven years of
9 service with distinction to the faculty, students, and staff
10 of Athens State University through his work on the
11 University Board of Trustees; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. America has diligently served as board
13 vice chair from 2022 through 2026; he has further served on
14 various board committees, including as chair of the
15 Academic Affairs and External Affairs committees, as well as
16 a member of the Executive and Audit Committees; and

17 WHEREAS, currently President of Thermal Corporation
18 in Madison, Mr. America began his career as a Process
19 Engineer in the 1980s and transitioned into the field of
20 Human Resources in the 1990s; most recently, he was the
21 Human Resources Executive at Carpenter Technology
22 Corporation in Athens and an Executive HR Consultant with
23 PassionHR Consulting, Inc., based in Huntsville; he has also
24 served as the Vice President of Human Resources at U.S. Pipe
25 and Foundry Company in Birmingham from 2003-2009 and
26 Colonial Pipeline Company in Atlanta from 2009-2012; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. America earned a Bachelor of Science
28 degree in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University in



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29 1985, and he received his Master's degree in Public and
30 Private Management from Birmingham-Southern College in 2009;
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32 WHEREAS, Mr. America is a valued member of the Athens
33 State University community, and his dedication and
34 leadership have contributed meaningfully to the continued
35 strength, quality, and reputation of Athens State University
36 and the success of its students; and

37 WHEREAS, during Mr. America's tenure on the Athens
38 State University Board of Trustees, the University has
39 experienced significant progress and growth, including a
40 transition in presidential leadership, the introduction of a
41 Master of Fine Arts program, the creation of residence halls
42 for the Alabama Center for the Arts, and numerous capital
43 improvements, including The Nazaretian Alumni Welcome
44 Center, Brown Hall, and Carter Hall; and

45 WHEREAS, through his work with the Athens State
46 University Board of Trustees, Mr. America has passionately
47 demonstrated a commitment to service, leadership, and the
48 advancement of educational and community initiatives; now
49 therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
51 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly
52 commend Mr. Jim America for faithful devotion to his
53 community through his service to Athens State University,
54 and we extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere
55 appreciation for his exemplary actions.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 12-Mar-26
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 19-Mar-26

By: Senator Orr