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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. America earned a Bachelor of Science
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.