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3 By Representatives Clarke, Drummond, Bracy, Shirey, Pringle,
4 Brown, Wilcox, Hall, Jones
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 13-Feb-25

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING JO ANN JENKINS ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE CHIEF
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED
5 PERSONS.

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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
8 highest commendations are conveyed to Jo Ann Jenkins for her
9 faithful and unwavering service as Chief Executive Officer
10 (CEO) of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP);
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12 WHEREAS, on September 5, 2014, Jo Ann Jenkins, a
13 Mobile native, walked onstage at AARP's national member
14 event at the San Diego Convention Center to deliver her
15 first speech as CEO; and

16 WHEREAS, from that day on, Mrs. Jenkins has
17 revolutionized the way adults 50 years of age and older are
18 cared for; she challenged stereotypes and attitudes about
19 aging and sparked new solutions that help people live better
20 as they age; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins has brought her fight to the
22 halls of Congress, the White House, and in state capitals
23 and communities across the country; her policies have
24 brought relief from the high cost of prescription drugs,
25 helped ease the burden of caregiving, opposed age
26 discrimination in the workplace, protected Social Security
27 and Medicare, and made it easier for people to save for
28 retirement; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins made it very clear that she
30 wanted to attack Alzheimer's and dementia and their effects
31 on the human mind; under her leadership, the AARP Brain
32 Health committed \$60 million to the Dementia Discovery Fund,
33 a venture capital fund that invests in dementia cures; AARP
34 also created the Global Council on Brain Health as an
35 independent organization to provide trusted information on
36 how to maintain and improve brain health; and

37 WHEREAS, recognizing the ever expanding world of
38 technology, Mrs. Jenkins wanted to ensure that senior
39 citizens were prepared and well-equipped; she chose to
40 integrate the Older Adults Technology Services into the AARP
41 family; this service provides a wide array of training
42 programs to help older adults protect their digital assets;
43 and

44 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic brought fear and
45 uncertainty to senior citizens; Mrs. Jenkins took it upon
46 herself to provide relevant, unbiased information to help
47 them navigate these uncharted waters, create solutions to
48 help older people stay connected with their families, and
49 speak out on issues ranging from stimulus checks to vaccines
50 to nursing home reforms; and

51 WHEREAS, in 2016, Mrs. Jenkins wrote her best-selling
52 book, *Disrupt Aging*; in addition to her book, her efforts
53 also included creating AARP Innovation Labs to help shape
54 the future of aging with new technology, and later the
55 AgeTech Collaborative which has brought together more than
56 525 organizations to create products to benefit older

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57 adults; in 2015, AARP established the Innovation Fund with a
58 commitment of \$40 million to invest in companies focused on
59 aging in place and access to health care; and

60 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins not only tackled aging in her
61 country but also overseas; she has traveled to Europe, Asia,
62 and Africa to meet with government officials, confer with
63 leaders of aging organizations, and visit agencies serving
64 older adults to learn how they address aging and to share
65 what she has learned with AARP; and

66 WHEREAS, it is no surprise that Mrs. Jenkins was
67 named by Fortune as one of the "World's 50 Greatest
68 Leaders," and under her leadership, AARP was named by
69 Ethisphere as one of the world's most ethical companies; now
70 therefore,

71 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
72 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Jo Ann Jenkins is hereby
73 commended and recognized for her faithful and effective
74 service to the American Association of Retired Persons, and
75 with sincere appreciation for her dedication to helping
76 people, this resolution is offered with utmost appreciation
77 to her, along with best wishes for all future endeavors.



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87 Speaker of the House of Representatives
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97 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
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100 John Treadwell
101 Clerk
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107 Senate **04-Mar-25** Adopted
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