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8 RECOGNIZING DR. RITA SALZBERG FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.
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11 WHEREAS, for a quarter century, Dr. Rita Salzberg
12 has been the director of the Music Opportunity Program, a
13 nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing music education
14 and appreciation to all children in the greater Birmingham
15 area; and

16 WHEREAS, she has made it her life's work to teach
17 children both to play stringed instruments and to love
18 orchestral music, providing the opportunity to study music for
19 many children who would not otherwise have had the option; and

20 WHEREAS, she has touched the lives of more than
21 10,000 children during her career, providing meaningful
22 educational experiences that result in a lifelong love of
23 orchestral music and a continuing involvement with the
24 performing arts; and

25 WHEREAS, she has reached out to all areas of the
26 city and to children of all backgrounds without regard to
27 financial wherewithal, race, color, ethnicity, or gender; and

1 WHEREAS, she has conducted the Birmingham Prelude
2 String Orchestra of the Music Opportunity Program for many
3 years, bringing memorable musical experiences to appreciative
4 audiences; and

5 WHEREAS, she is an accomplished violinist and
6 superlative teacher whose curriculum for beginner classes has
7 been praised by other musicians as "the best string method
8 book ever used"; and

9 WHEREAS, she is loved and respected by students,
10 parents, and faculty members for what she has accomplished;
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12 WHEREAS, many of her students have gone on to major
13 in music at universities and conservatories throughout the
14 country and many students have been the recipients of hundreds
15 of thousands of dollars of scholarship funds; and

16 WHEREAS, she has devoted her life to the Music
17 Opportunity Program as its director through the years, guiding
18 it, ensuring its survival, and overcoming all obstacles to
19 remain an important and unique educational resource for the
20 greater Birmingham area; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, in recognition of her
23 exceptional abilities, outstanding accomplishments, and
24 tireless dedication to the Music Opportunity Program, highest
25 commendation is herein extended to Dr. Rita Salzberg, for whom
26 a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our

1 esteem and appreciation, along with best wishes in all future
2 endeavors.