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3 By Senators Sanford, Bedford, Allen, Beasley, Beason,  
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,  
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Scofield,  
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley,  
8 and Williams

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4 ENROLLED, SJR96,

5 COMMENDING REBEKAH KEITH MCKINNEY.

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7 WHEREAS, Rebekah Keith McKinney has the distinction  
8 of being the first female president of the Alabama Association  
9 for Justice, also known as the ALAJ; and

10 WHEREAS, while president, she has guided the  
11 association through a sometimes trying year with pride,  
12 sincerity, humble heart, joyful soul, quick smile, and firm  
13 handshake; and

14 WHEREAS, being the mother of three sons -- Sam,  
15 Griffin, and John -- gave her the patience often needed to  
16 oversee the association's male-majority membership; and

17 WHEREAS, during her tenure, she oversaw ALAJ's move  
18 into its first real home and became an expert on the  
19 Historical Society's rules, right down to specialty paint  
20 colors and window replacement; and

21 WHEREAS, as president, she guided ALAJ through  
22 tumultuous political waters at the State House, always an  
23 earnest and formidable champion of justice for all; and

1                   WHEREAS, she served as an advocate for lawyers,  
2 reaching out to all ALAJ members to offer advice when needed,  
3 consultation when sought, and condolences when necessary; and

4                   WHEREAS, she is a member of the Alabama Appleseed  
5 Center for Law and Justice, has served as Treasurer of the  
6 Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association, Secretary and Vice  
7 Chair of the Board of Directors for the Early Works Museum in  
8 Huntsville, as Finance Vice President and Treasurer of the  
9 Junior League of Huntsville, and as a member of the Board of  
10 Directors of the Alabama Constitution Village Foundation; and

11                  WHEREAS, she has traveled hundreds of miles from her  
12 Huntsville home in the past year, is on a first-name basis  
13 with the staff at the Renaissance, and most bartenders and  
14 waiters around Montgomery have learned that she wants ice in  
15 her beverages, all of her beverages; and

16                  WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of Buck Watson  
17 would be hard for anyone, but as president of the Alabama  
18 Association for Justice, Rebekah Keith McKinney has filled his  
19 size 13W shoes, has worn them with honor, and has used them to  
20 kick those who refused to get out of her way; and

21                  WHEREAS, she has sent a loud, clear message to the  
22 female members of ALAJ and showed them that anything is  
23 possible through hard work, compassion, commitment, and a  
24 solid belief in what trial lawyers do for a living; now  
25 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Rebekah Keith McKinney is most  
3 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered  
4 in admiration and appreciation to her as the first female  
5 president of the Alabama Association for Justice, along with  
6 best wishes in all future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Sanford