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3 By Representatives Hall, Daniels, Williams (P), Ball,
4 Patterson, Whorton (R) and Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING DR. VIRGINIA CAPLES FOR OUTSTANDING
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 extended to Dr. Virginia Caples for outstanding professional
13 achievement on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years
14 of distinguished service to Alabama A and M University in
15 various capacities; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Caples has provided expert leadership
17 and guidance as Alabama A and M University's official
18 representative to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System
19 while serving in the 1890 Administrator role; in this
20 capacity, she has executed and implemented numerous key
21 decisions and initiatives for the university; and

22 WHEREAS, as a University Professor, she has
23 positively impacted countless students through her graduate
24 courses in administration and evaluation and her role as
25 graduate thesis advisor; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Dr.
27 Caples has accumulated an outstanding record of leadership and

1 excellence while serving as Interim President, Provost and
2 Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Associate Dean and
3 Professor in the School of Agriculture and Home Economics for
4 Alabama A and M University, as Chair of the Department of Home
5 Economics and Assistant County Supervisor for Home Economics
6 for Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, and a
7 research and teaching assistant at Iowa State University; and

8 WHEREAS, among her plethora of significant
9 contributions are service as a member of the board of
10 directors for Girls, Inc., Retired Senior Volunteer Program,
11 Harris Home for Children, The Volunteer Center, and Department
12 of Human Resources for Madison County; she has garnered a
13 myriad of accolades including the First Annual Rosa Parks
14 Women of Courage Award from the Huntsville Madison County
15 NAACP, the Mentor of the Year Award from the 100 Black Men of
16 America, Inc., Huntsville Chapter, and the Martin Luther King
17 Unity Award from Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. Delta Theta Lambda
18 Chapter; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Caples has authored many presentations,
20 articles, and publications on pressing issues such as
21 nutrition education for underserved populations, leadership
22 skills for the Twenty-first Century, and parental guidance and
23 career choices of youth, among others; she has engaged in
24 training sessions and research in Germany, Australia,
25 Tanzania, Sudan, St. Kitts, and Belize; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Caples is a member of the Alpha Kappa
27 Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Greater Huntsville Chapter of

1 The Links Incorporated; she is a member of the Church Street
2 Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she serves as a Sunday
3 School Teacher and Chair of the Diaconate; she and her
4 husband, Hundley Batts, Sr., own and operate several radio
5 stations; and

6 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Caples has earned
7 widespread credit for her tireless dedication and exceptional
8 abilities, and she is truly deserving of special recognition;
9 now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Virginia Caples is highly
12 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
13 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
14 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.