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3 By Senators Singleton, McClendon and Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR129,

5 COMMENDING ALABAMA SCHOOL NURSES FOR EXEMPLARY
6 SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
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8 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein proudly
9 conveyed to Alabama school nurses who care for the health
10 needs of children while they are in the school setting; and

11 WHEREAS, many children face complex and
12 life-threatening health problems that require care in school;
13 motivated by humanitarian instincts and guided by arduous
14 training, school nurses advance well-being, academic success,
15 lifelong achievement, and health by advocating for all
16 students; and

17 WHEREAS, currently, there are less than 1,800
18 part-time and full-time licensed nurses serving almost 750,000
19 children in Alabama schools; the needs range from health care
20 advice, routine medication administration, emergency
21 interventions, mental health issues, food insecurity, and even
22 child abuse; school nurses face these tribulations and a
23 multitude of other public health problems with remarkable
24 competence, dignity, and grace; and

WHEREAS, because of their extensive experience of delivering care to so many, and often with limited resources, school nurses faced the profound challenge of ensuring both student and staff safety during the COVID-19 pandemic; as with all of their endeavors, school nurses handled the unknown with professionalism, having earned respect for their exceptional abilities and tireless dedication, and are truly deserving of special recognition for their steadfast commitment to protecting the health and safety of school children in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, many local education authorities lack the tax base revenue to adequately fund school nurses and health rooms; and

WHEREAS, superintendents and school boards are encouraged to utilize federal COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery dollars to fully implement preventative programs that address the needs of student health services, such as the safely opened school program that was developed by the Alabama Association of School Nurses and presented to the State Board of Education, as recommended by Governor Kay Ivey in 2020, that ensures that every school has a full-time nurse dedicated to its students; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That school nurses are most highly honored and commended for the health care services they

1 provide for school children in Alabama, and it is directed
2 that a copy of this resolution of tribute be provided to the
3 Alabama Association of School Nurses as evidence of the esteem
4 in which they are held by the people of the State of Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Singleton