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By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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SJR____ COMMENDING JACKIE GRAHAM FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA STATE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and joyful felicitations are conveyed to Jackie Graham on the occasion of her retirement as Director of the Alabama State Personnel Department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham has been employed with the Alabama State Personnel Department since 1986; she has served as its director since her appointment in 2005; the department serves as the state agency that identifies qualified job applicants for state employment, helps departments fill vacancies, and maintains employee classification systems and pay scales; as director, Mrs. Graham was also responsible for liaising with the Governor, the Legislature, and other state agencies; and

WHEREAS, over the many decades that Jackie Graham served the agency, there is one project that stands out as part of the legacy she leaves behind; she is credited with the creation of the Retired State Employee classification in 2009, which allows retired state employees to continue to work in state government on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham, a native of Ozark, Alabama, is a graduate of Auburn University; she was named by

Yellowhammer News as a 2021 Woman of Impact; and she is only the second woman to hold the position of director of the agency in its 82-year history; with her husband, Max, she has two adult sons with growing families to enjoy; Patrick Graham and his beautiful wife, Hollin Garner Graham, and their precious son, Garner; Trent Graham and his lovely spouse, Anna Turner Graham, are expecting a boy in May; and Frank, their canine companion, completes the family; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Jackie Graham is commended on the occasion of her retirement as Director of the Alabama State Personnel Department, and this resolution is offered to her as evidence of our high regard and appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the employees of the State of Alabama and with best wishes for a happy retirement.