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4 HJR___ RECOGNIZING CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AS PROFESSIONAL
5 CAREERS AND URGING FEDERAL REVIEW OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES.
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7 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education
8 has proposed narrowing the definition of "professional
9 degree programs," thereby excluding several long-recognized
10 professions; and

11 WHEREAS, these respected occupations, which include
12 nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy,
13 speech-language pathology, audiology, social work, public
14 health, education, counseling, architecture, accounting, and
15 engineering, require advanced academic degrees, supervised
16 training, and state licensure; and

17 WHEREAS, these professions are essential to the State
18 of Alabama's health care system, educational outcomes,
19 economic growth, and public safety and well-being; now
20 therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That:

23 (1) The State of Alabama formally recognizes the
24 above-listed occupations as professional careers.

25 (2) The Legislature urges the U.S. Department of
26 Education to reconsider its proposed reclassification and
27 restore these professional fields to the federal
28 professional degree list.



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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
30 resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Secretary of
31 Education, the Alabama Congressional Delegation, and
32 relevant federal and congressional committees.