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7 RFD: Rules

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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.