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- 5 Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
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1 Enrolled, An Act, 2 3 SJR COMMENDING MRS. JEANA ROSS FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO 4 5 THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION 2023 HALL OF 6 FAME. 7 WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, we highly 8 commend Mrs. Jeana Ross, retired Alabama Department of Early 9 Childhood Education Secretary, for being inducted into The 10 11 University of Alabama College of Education 2023 Hall of 12 Fame; and 13 WHEREAS, for 18 years, Mrs. Ross served state public 14 schools as both a teacher and an administrator; throughout 15 her career, she remained dedicated to ensuring the existence 16 of quality early childhood programs in Alabama and helped 17 acquire more than \$7.5 million in grant funding to go toward initiatives and services that benefit low-income children 18 19 and families; she was appointed to the governor's task force 20 to formulate a plan and oversee the expansion of the Alabama 21 First Class Pre-K Program in 2007, was appointed as 22 Secretary of the Department of Early Childhood Education in 2012, and was appointed to serve on the Education Commission 23 of the United States in 2017; although she retired in 2020, 24

she continues to advocate for quality early childhood

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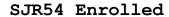


26	education and support for families in need; and
27	WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross's other accomplishments include
28	guiding the Pre-K Through Third Grade P-3 Integrated
29	Approach to Early Learning and its leadership academy;
30	starting one of the first Alabama Office of School Readiness
31	Programs for pre-k in the Marshall County School System;
32	leading the launch of the Born Ready initiative; and forming
33	a research and evaluation team to assess the positive
34	effects of the state's early childhood education programs;
35	Alabama is now considered a model and national leader in
36	high quality early childhood education; and
37	WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross holds a Bachelor of Science Degree
38	in early Childhood Education from The University of Alabama
39	at Birmingham and a Master of Arts Degree in Education
40	Leadership from The University of Alabama; and
41	WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross and her husband have two sons and
42	twin grandchildren; and
43	WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross is a remarkable leader, friend,
44	and inspiration in the lives of many and is very deserving
45	of special recognition; now therefore,
46	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
47	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mrs. Jeana Ross, retired
48	Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education Secretary,
49	is highly commended for being inducted into The University
50	of Alabama College of Education 2023 Hall of Fame, and we



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- 51 hereby dedicate this resolution to her with utmost
- 52 admiration and regard.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR54 Senate 27-April-23 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 04-May-23 By: Senator Allen