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HR_____ COMMENDING DR. JACK HAWKINS, JR. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT TROY UNIVERSITY DURING HIS 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of Troy University since September 1, 1989, is highly honored and commended in recognition of his exceptional leadership, innovative programs, and significant impact on the school's culture, growth, and academic achievements during his 35 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins, a native of Mobile, Alabama, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Montevallo and a doctorate from The University of Alabama, preparing him to serve as Assistant Dean at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1971-1979, and as President of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, 1979-1989, before accepting the position as Chancellor of Troy State University, now Troy University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins enjoyed a distinguished career as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps; he served as a platoon leader during the Vietnam War; for his combat duty, he received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and a citation from the Republic of Korea Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins has launched Troy University



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29 into the highest strata of success, unifying the various
30 campus branches into one Troy system, an initiative called
31 "One Great University," expanding Troy's offerings globally,
32 and leading Troy's transformation into a doctoral
33 institution; during his tenure, academic standards for
34 admission have been increased, new degree programs were
35 established in all academic colleges, and intercollegiate
36 athletics joined the highest level of NCAA competition; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins is married to Janice Grindley
38 Hawkins, whose love of the arts and humanities has radically
39 improved the Troy campus landscape; together they have been
40 blessed with two daughters, Katie Beall (Dan) and Kelly
41 Godwin (Adam); and four grandchildren, Noah, Ellyotte, Micah
42 Mae, and Griffey Jack; and

43 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins's service to Troy University has
44 been marked by a vision for the evolution of the university,
45 reflected in his position as the longest-serving chief
46 executive officer of a public university in the United
47 States; now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend Dr. Jack
50 Hawkins, Jr. for his outstanding achievements as Chancellor
51 of Troy University for the past 35 years, and we recognize
52 his exemplary leadership, unwavering commitment to academic
53 excellence, and profound impact on the lives of students,
54 educators, and the community at-large.