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SJR___ COMMENDING THE ALABAMA WRITERS' FORUM FOR LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND PROMOTING THE WORKS OF PAST AND CONTEMPORARY ALABAMA AUTHORS AND POETS.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Writers' Forum was founded in 1993 by acclaimed poet Jeanie Thompson with mentorship from the Alabama State Council on the Arts; the Alabama Writers' Forum serves as our state's landmark, statewide nonprofit working to cultivate the rich literary culture of Alabama; its programs include Writing Our Stories, a nationally recognized creative writing program for justice-involved youth; its Alabama High School Literacy Arts Awards program recognizing young writers, their teachers, and schools, awarding scholarships for achievement in a wide variety of literary arts; and

WHEREAS, the Forum supports the Alabama Writers Hall of Fame in partnership with the Alabama Center for the Book at The University of Alabama; the website provides robust and up-to-date content for literary news, reviews, resources, and events; and

WHEREAS, its online Alabama Authors Directory provides information about writers and their works and awards, as well as their availability for readings, workshops, and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Writers' Forum works with a wide



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29 network of state and national partnerships to support,
30 advocate, and promote writers and reading throughout the
31 state; a partnership program of the Alabama State Council on
32 the Arts, the Forum has been funded by national
33 organizations, including the National Endowment for the Arts
34 and LitNet, as well as by state agencies, corporate
35 sponsors, and individual and corporate members; and

36 WHEREAS, founded through a partnership between the
37 Alabama Writers' Forum and the Alabama Center for the Book,
38 the Alabama Writers Hall of Fame (AWHOF) has recognized
39 Alabama writers whose accomplishments have earned them
40 national and international reputations in the literary arts;
41 AWHOF has inducted five classes of honorees; E.O. Wilson,
42 Fannie Flagg, Winston Groom, Margaret Walker, Harper Lee,
43 and Sonia Sanchez are among those recognized; these honorees
44 testify to the rich literary culture of our state; now
45 therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Writers' Forum
48 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
49 offered with heartiest appreciation and congratulations on
50 current success and best wishes in all future endeavors.