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2 206349-1
3 By Representatives Boyd, Jones (M), Alexander, Allen, Baker,
4 Bracy, Brown (C), Brown (K), Carns, Chestnut, Clarke, Coleman,
5 Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Dismukes, Drake, Drummond,
6 Easterbrook, Ellis, England, Estes, Farley, Faulkner, Faust,
7 Fincher, Forte, Fridy, Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Gray, Greer,
8 Grimsley, Hall, Hanes, Harbison, Hatcher, Hill, Hollis,
9 Holmes, Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Isbell, Jackson, Johnson, Jones
10 (S), Kiel, Kitchens, Lawrence, Lipscomb, Lovvorn, Marques,
11 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Meadows, Mooney,
12 Moore (M), Moore (P), Morris, Nordgren, Oliver, Pettus, Poole,
13 Pringle, Rafferty, Reynolds, Rich, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe,
14 Sanderford, Scott, Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith,
15 Sorrell, Sorrells, South, Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer,
16 Sullivan, Treadaway, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Wheeler,
17 Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox, Wingo, Wood (D) and Wood (R)
18 RFD:
19 First Read: 10-MAR-20

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S
SUFFRAGE.

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that we recognize the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage; this year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote; women protested for their right to vote for nearly a century before the amendment was finally passed in 1920; and

WHEREAS, although the 19th Amendment was passed, African American women were not allowed to exercise that privilege freely; in much of the country, hurdles like poll taxes and literacy tests kept African American voters disenfranchised until the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which outlawed discriminatory voting practices; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, Hattie Hooker Wilkins became Alabama's first female legislator, serving in the Alabama House of Representatives until 1926; in 1977, Louphenia Thomas became the first African American female elected to the House

1 of Representatives; Ann Bedsole was the first female elected
2 to the Alabama Senate in 1982; Sundra Escott-Russell became
3 the first African American female elected to serve in the
4 Alabama Senate in 1994; our current Representative Laura Hall,
5 who was elected in 1993, is our longest serving female
6 legislator; Representative Barbara Boyd, who was elected in
7 1994, is also a current member of the House; and

8 WHEREAS, our current female members of the
9 Legislature are Louise Alexander, Barbara Boyd, Adline Clarke,
10 Linda Coleman-Madison, Merika Coleman, Terri Collins, Barbara
11 Drummond, Priscilla Dunn, Vivian Figures, Juandalynn Givan,
12 Laura Hall, Rolanda Hollis, Charlotte Meadows, Mary Moore,
13 Tashina Morris, Becky Nordgren, Connie Rowe, Malika
14 Sanders-Fortier, Ginny Shaver, Pebblin Warren, April Weaver,
15 Margie Wilcox, and Debbie Wood; those who previously served
16 are Ann Bedsole, Elaine Beech, Kim Benefield, Kiley Berryman,
17 June Bugg, Patricia Davis, Sundra Escott-Russell, Clara Stone
18 Collins Fields, Betty Carol Graham, Jeanette Greene, Jane
19 Gullatt, Laura Hall, Tammy Irons, Jamie Ison, Yvonne Kennedy,
20 Mary Sue McClurkin, Bobbie Greene McDowell, Beth
21 Marietta-Lyons, Lila Spragins Moore, Pat Moore, Sybil Poole,
22 Marilyn Quarles, Lois Rockhold, Sue Schmitz, Harri Ann Smith,
23 Martha Jo Smith, Bethel Starkey, Frances Strong, Louphenia
24 Thomas, Jarushia Thornton, Patricia Todd, Shelby Dean Ward,
25 Hattie Hooker Wilkins, Retha Deal Wynot, and Mary Stephens
26 Zogby; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we are pleased to recognize
3 the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage; and we heartily
4 commend and honor the women of the Alabama Legislature who
5 have well-served their communities and the state through their
6 hard work, diligence, and determination, both in the past and
7 present, and by copy of this resolution, we extend heartiest
8 congratulations on their many achievements, and best wishes
9 for success in all future endeavors.