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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
RECOGNIZING DR. RITA SALZBERG FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

WHEREAS, for a quarter century, Dr. Rita Salzberg
has been the director of the Music Opportunity Program, a
nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing music education
and appreciation to all children in the greater Birmingham
area; and

WHEREAS, she has made it her life's work to teach
children both to play stringed instruments and to love
orchestral music, providing the opportunity to study music for
many children who would not otherwise have had the option; and

WHEREAS, she has touched the lives of more than
10,000 children during her career, providing meaningful
educational experiences that result in a lifelong love of
orchestral music and a continuing involvement with the
performing arts; and

WHEREAS, she has reached out to all areas of the
city and to children of all backgrounds without regard to
financial wherewithal, race, color, ethnicity, or gender; and

WHEREAS, she has conducted the Birmingham Prelude
String Orchestra of the Music Opportunity Program for many

1 years, bringing memorable musical experiences to appreciative
2 audiences; and

3 WHEREAS, she is an accomplished violinist and
4 superlative teacher whose curriculum for beginner classes has
5 been praised by other musicians as "the best string method
6 book ever used"; and

7 WHEREAS, she is loved and respected by students,
8 parents, and faculty members for what she has accomplished;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, many of her students have gone on to major
11 in music at universities and conservatories throughout the
12 country and many students have been the recipients of hundreds
13 of thousands of dollars of scholarship funds; and

14 WHEREAS, she has devoted her life to the Music
15 Opportunity Program as its director through the years, guiding
16 it, ensuring its survival, and overcoming all obstacles to
17 remain an important and unique educational resource for the
18 greater Birmingham area; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, in recognition of her
21 exceptional abilities, outstanding accomplishments, and
22 tireless dedication to the Music Opportunity Program, highest
23 commendation is herein extended to Dr. Rita Salzberg, for whom
24 a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our

1 esteem and appreciation, along with best wishes in all future
2 endeavors.

