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HR \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING POPCORN ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE SERVICE  
DOG AT WETUMPKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
extended to Popcorn on the occasion of her retirement as the  
service dog at Wetumpka Elementary School on January 30,  
2024; and

WHEREAS, Popcorn, the facility service dog, was first  
placed in the State of Alabama in 2015, where she paved the  
way for placement of other service dogs throughout the  
state; and

WHEREAS, an adored friend to many throughout the  
years, she has served as a listening ear, the best buddy, a  
pillow during library time, and even as a participant in  
costume parties; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 40-45 active  
facility service dogs throughout the state that work with  
counselors and administrators within the school system, and  
Popcorn was responsible for that; these dogs must pass the  
same training as other service dogs and go through an  
accredited program, but the big difference is they are not  
working with one person with a disability; they serve many;  
and

WHEREAS, Service Dogs Alabama is backed by Assistance



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29 Dogs International and because this is a state program, the  
30 Alabama Department of Education funds the program within  
31 Alabama schools; the dogs work with a professional handler  
32 and go home with the handler in the evening after the school  
33 day is over; and

34 WHEREAS, Popcorn has brought countless smiles,  
35 laughs, and support throughout the years with her service  
36 within Elmore County; students from her past and her current  
37 students came to celebrate her well-deserved retirement; now  
38 therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
40 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and  
41 appreciation for every adventure and opportunity that  
42 Popcorn has provided to Wetumpka Elementary's students,  
43 staff, faculty, and parents; it is a privilege to wish a  
44 happy retirement to Popcorn and share our gratitude for her  
45 service by offering this resolution.