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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 COMMENDING MARIA R. ANDREWS ON BEING NAMED DIRECTOR
9 OF THE TUSCALOOSA AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Maria
12 R. Andrews is recognized on being appointed by the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs as the new director of
14 the Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and

15 WHEREAS, she holds the distinction of being the
16 first female director of the Tuscaloosa VA; and

17 WHEREAS, a native of Pennsylvania, she has spent 34
18 years working in the VA system, starting as a dietician intern
19 in Illinois and moving up the ranks to administration; and

20 WHEREAS, she previously served as the Associate
21 Medical Center Director and Chief Operating Officer at the
22 Veterans Affairs Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las
23 Vegas; and

24 WHEREAS, in her new position, she will oversee the
25 delivery of health care to almost 20,000 veterans via a
26 workforce of more than 1,000 employees and an operating budget
27 of more than \$150 million; her plans include continuing to

1 focus on the Tuscaloosa VA's specialties such as mental health
2 and serving the senior citizen population, while she will also
3 focus on ensuring that veterans receive the care they need
4 outside these realms; and

5 WHEREAS, through the years and in all her endeavors,
6 she has earned respect for her exceptional abilities and
7 tireless dedication, and she is truly deserving of recognition
8 as she embarks upon the new phase of her exemplary career; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Maria R. Andrews is most
12 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
13 with heartiest congratulations on being appointed Director of
14 the Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center, along with
15 best wishes for the future.