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8 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
9 FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we  
12 commend the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs (AFWC) in  
13 recognition of its dedicated public service; and

14 WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs  
15 (GFWC) was organized on April 24, 1890, and was duly chartered  
16 by President William McKinley and the United States Congress  
17 on March 3, 1901, and is now celebrating its 125th  
18 anniversary; and

19 WHEREAS, organized in 1895, the Alabama Federation  
20 of Women's Clubs (AFWC) was chartered into the GFWC in 1907 and  
21 for over 120 years has devoted efforts to address the most  
22 pressing needs of our communities and our state; and

23 WHEREAS, GFWC is an international women's  
24 organization with members in all 50 states and 12 countries  
25 from all walks of life that have a common goal of making the  
26 world a better place by enhancing the lives of others through  
27 volunteer service; and

1           WHEREAS, GFWC and AFWC have both played a  
2           significant role in many national efforts including powerful  
3           advocacy for child labor laws, promotion of nationwide  
4           outreach that led to passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act,  
5           promotion of education, preservation of our national  
6           resources, support of the arts; these organizations also  
7           assisted in the creation of the National Park Service, have  
8           been supporters of public libraries and were ardent advocates  
9           for the Violence Against Women Act and the Lily Ledbetter Fair  
10          Pay Act; and

11           WHEREAS, in addition to supporting domestic violence  
12          prevention and awareness initiatives, AFWC's President's  
13          Project promotes the Ronald McDonald House Charities of  
14          Alabama; and

15           WHEREAS, AFWC offers opportunities for women to  
16          develop personal and leadership skills, study issues pertinent  
17          to our nation and state, educate the public, raise civic  
18          awareness, commemorate women's history, and participate in  
19          constructive public service; and

20           WHEREAS, through the past 125 years, millions of  
21          women have generously offered their time, talent, and  
22          resources to improve the lives of others; and

23           WHEREAS, AFWC's 55 clubs and 1,500 members, under  
24          the leadership of President Jackie S. Clark, have documented  
25          volunteering an unfathomable amount of hours during 2014 to  
26          promote the well-being of others and to make a positive impact  
27          on public issues; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama Federation of  
3           Women's Clubs is honored and commended in recognition of its  
4           dedicated public service, and it is directed that a copy of  
5           this resolution be provided for appropriate presentation and  
6           display with our sincere tribute and praise.