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3 By Senators Holley, Ross, Ward, Marsh, Albritton, Allen,
4 Beasley, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss,
5 Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower,
6 Holtzclaw, Livingston, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed,
7 Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Shelnut, Singleton, Smith,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 28-APR-16

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4 ENROLLED, SJR108,

5 COMMENDING MICHELE GERLACH FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT
6 OF THE ALABAMA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest praise and great pride
9 that the Alabama Legislature recognizes and commends Michele
10 Gerlach upon her election as President of the Alabama Press
11 Association; she is the fifth woman to hold the office in the
12 association's 145-year history; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Gerlach earned degrees from the
14 University of Alabama and Troy University; in 2009 she was
15 named the University of Alabama School of Communications
16 Outstanding Alumni in Journalism; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Gerlach is a vice president and group
18 manager with Boone Newspapers, Inc.; she has previously worked
19 as a reporter for The Outlook in Alexander City, was managing
20 editor of the Franklin County Times in Russellville, publisher
21 of the Atmore Advance, and publisher of the Brewton Standard
22 before becoming publisher of the Andalusia Star-News; and

23 WHEREAS, she presently serves on the Women's
24 Advisory Board of the Andalusia Regional Hospital, the Board
25 of Andalusia High School Class of 1948 Scholarship Foundation

1 Committee, and the Board of the Andalusia Ballet; she
2 previously served on the Board of the Southern Associations of
3 Schools and Colleges, and is the former president of the
4 Andalusia Rotary Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Gerlach is the fourth generation of her
6 family to work in community newspapers; her parents, Ferrin
7 and Heddy Cox, owned The Elba Clipper; her father also served
8 as President of the Alabama Press Association; and

9 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to see a bright,
10 industrious Alabamian serve the state and continue to focus on
11 the future with a commitment to her profession; Ms. Gerlach is
12 a worthy role model and her achievements reflect honor upon
13 her family, her community, and the State of Alabama; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of exceptional
17 achievement, we most highly commend Michele Gerlach upon her
18 election as President of the Alabama Press Association, and
19 further direct that a copy of this resolution be presented to
20 her with highest praise and honor and also with sincere wishes
21 for continued success.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 28-APR-16
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 03-MAY-16

By: Senator Holley