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3 By Senator Livingston
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 20-FEB-18

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4 ENROLLED, SJR74,

5 RECOGNIZING BARBARA WATERS LARSON FOR OUTSTANDING
6 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, Barbara Larson, who has served for more
9 than 28 years as the only Executive Director of Leadership
10 Alabama since the organization was founded in 1989, has
11 announced her retirement effective June 1, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, under Ms. Larson's guidance, Leadership
13 Alabama has exposed citizen leaders to the challenges and
14 opportunities facing Alabama and provided the network
15 necessary to activate those citizens as they seek vital
16 solutions to the challenges that define the future of our
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, as Executive Director of Leadership Alabama
19 for nearly three decades, Ms. Larson helped create a highly
20 respected statewide organization with more than 1,500
21 established leaders from all constituencies and walks of life
22 who count themselves as graduates of Leadership Alabama; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Larson is a Montgomery native who
24 graduated from Sidney Lanier High School, attended Sweet Briar
25 College and The University of Alabama, married and reared a

1 son and twin daughters, and returned to college to complete
2 her degree, earning a B. A. in English from Auburn University
3 at Montgomery in 1997; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Larson worked for several years with
5 Blount Incorporated in Montgomery before joining the Alabama
6 Shakespeare Festival after the theater relocated to Montgomery
7 in 1984; she served five years as development director and
8 established a significant statewide presence and strong
9 financial base for ASF; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Larson joined with other Leadership
11 Alabama graduates to launch Alabama Citizens for
12 Constitutional Reform (ACCR); she was a founding director of
13 the A+ Education Foundation and continues to serve on the
14 board and executive committee of the A+ Education Partnership;
15 she has also served on the board and the executive committee
16 of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA); and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Larson's outstanding accomplishments
18 and service to the State of Alabama were recognized with her
19 induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor in 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, Barbara Larson's legacy is one of
21 professional achievement and public service; one of her most
22 notable accomplishments is the creation and direction of one
23 of our state's most significant nonprofit institutions,
24 Leadership Alabama; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Barbara Waters Larson is
3 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
4 to her in deepest admiration and appreciation for her service
5 to the State of Alabama, as well as with sincere best wishes
6 for continued success and happiness in her retirement.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 01-MAR-18

By: Senator Livingston