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8 COMMENDING DR. DORLA EVANS FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
12 are herein proudly presented to Dr. Dorla Evans for  
13 outstanding professional achievement on the occasion of her  
14 retirement as Professor of Finance at The University of  
15 Alabama in Huntsville, where she cultivated an exceptional  
16 22-year career serving in faculty, department chair, and  
17 assistant dean roles; and

18 WHEREAS, notably, Dr. Evans' extraordinary teaching  
19 and mentoring have been recognized numerous times; she  
20 received the Student Government Association's Outstanding  
21 Student Organization Advisor Award, the University-wide  
22 Distinguished Teaching Award, the College of Business  
23 Administration's Undergraduate Outstanding Teacher Award, and  
24 the Alumni Association's Award, among other accolades; and

25 WHEREAS, her experience as a financial analyst laid  
26 the foundation for her classroom expectations, and she  
27 delivered courses that were rigorous with an emphasis on

1 critical thinking skills; she formed the Capital Management  
2 Group, which is now offered as a course, for students to learn  
3 about investing through application in 1997, and she became  
4 the founding adviser of the UAH Entrepreneurship Club in 2010;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans is known for establishing  
7 long-term relationships with her students and assisting  
8 students in finding internships and jobs; at commencement, she  
9 gathered all of the graduating students for a group photograph  
10 before they marched to receive their diplomas; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans cultivated a successful  
12 publishing career with an emphasis on bonds and on behavior  
13 finance; as a newly minted MBA, she published her first piece  
14 as an editorial in the noted Harvard Business Review; after  
15 earning her Ph.D., she went on to publish in prestigious  
16 journals including the Journal of Political Economy, the  
17 Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, the Journal of  
18 Management, and the Journal of Behavioral Economics, among  
19 others; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has the utmost distinction of  
21 earning the first research National Science Foundation grant  
22 awarded to a UAH business professor and of being named  
23 Distinguished Faculty Fellow in 1999 for her magnanimous  
24 contributions to research; and

25 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Evans has earned  
26 immense respect for her tireless dedication and exceptional  
27 abilities, and she has positively impacted the lives of

1        countless students; her hard work and ingenuity reflect  
2        immense honor upon the entire State of Alabama, and she is  
3        truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

4                    BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
5        THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Dorla Evans is highly  
6        honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her  
7        in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
8        best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.