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3 By Representatives Collins, Baker, Faulkner, McMillan,  
4 Garrett, Drummond, McCutcheon, Scott and Rich  
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
HONORING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF CAROLINE B. NOVAK,  
PRESIDENT AND COFOUNDER OF A-PLUS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are awarded to  
Caroline B. Novak for her remarkable career achievements upon  
the occasion of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Caroline B. Novak attended the public  
schools of Montgomery, Alabama; she graduated from Sidney  
Lanier High School, and later earned a Bachelor Degree in  
Economics from Hollins College; and

WHEREAS, following her employment with Merrill  
Lynch, she became involved in civic and education  
organizations; she led the development of the nationally  
recognized Artworks interactive wing of the Montgomery Museum  
of Fine Arts, visited by thousands of children, families, and  
teachers annually; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Charter Class of  
Leadership Alabama, Caroline challenged her class to address  
improvements in education as the path to a better Alabama;  
with the leadership of classmate Bill Smith, along with  
corporate support, Caroline, Bill, and their inaugural class  
launched A-Plus Education Partnership in 1991; and

1           WHEREAS, A-Plus is now nationally recognized as a  
2 key driver of real improvement for public education in  
3 Alabama; and

4           WHEREAS, Caroline partnered with the state to  
5 develop and roll out the Alabama Reading Initiative, an effort  
6 that led to dramatic improvements in 4th Grade reading scores,  
7 especially for minorities; and

8           WHEREAS, through Caroline's leadership, A-Plus  
9 established two direct service initiatives, including The  
10 Alabama Best Practices Center, which works with school  
11 teachers across the state, resulting in improved teaching and  
12 learning, and A-Plus College Ready, which has helped lead the  
13 nation in the rate of improvement and success in Advanced  
14 Placement Math, Science, and English courses; and

15           WHEREAS, she has helped launch two statewide  
16 coalitions, the Alabama School Readiness Alliance, and Alabama  
17 GRIT, which stands for Graduate Ready, Impact Tomorrow; and

18           WHEREAS, Caroline has served on the boards of the  
19 Education Commission of the States, the Southern Regional  
20 Education Board, the Business Council of Alabama, Sterling  
21 Bank and Leadership Alabama, and has received honors from  
22 Policy Innovators in Education, Samford University's Medallion  
23 Award, and Mercedes-Benz; and

1           WHEREAS, Caroline's experience and leadership will  
2 be missed by all those whose lives she touched and with whom  
3 she served; now therefore,

4           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Caroline B.  
6 Novak for her service and commitment to the State of Alabama,  
7 and we extend to her best wishes in all future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 04-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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