

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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Resolution

COMMENDING DR. JOE BURKE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AT CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By Senators Butler, Livingston and Orr

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly commend Dr. Joe Burke for providing Calhoun Community College with outstanding leadership, guidance, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, with 30 years of higher education experience, Dr. Burke has accomplished a plethora of achievements at Calhoun Community College, including, but not limited to, cutting the ribbon for the Nursing Stimulation Lab on Calhoun's Huntsville, Alabama, campus; increasing student nursing graduates by up to 48 percent annually; leading the technology students to refurbish the reclaimed Lunar Rover in partnership with the United States Space and Rocket Center, which was a once-in-a-lifetime project; selecting Calhoun Alumni Kim Lewis, the first African American female to lead the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, as the 2019 commencement speaker; providing increased opportunities for Calhoun students in the aerospace industry; and leading Calhoun's Advanced Manufacturing Program to rank number one in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burke has announced plans to restart Calhoun's athletic program; his goal is to bring more sport options and more opportunities to the athletic program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burke continues to wholeheartedly and selflessly remain committed to Calhoun Community College; as a leader, mentor, and friend to his students and colleagues, he is an inspiration and a positive light in numerous ways; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we warmly commend Dr. Joe Burke for his incredible service to Calhoun Community College, and this resolution serves as a tribute to him with utmost gratitude and admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

I hereby certify that the above is a true, correct and accurate copy of Interim Resolution No. 20-209, filed with the Senate of Alabama on August 25, 2020, pursuant to Senate Rule No. 78.

Patrick Harris

Secretary of the Senate

Will Ainsworth Lieutenant Governor