

## STATE OF ALABAMA

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Frances Cabaniss Roberts is a native Alabamian, born and raised in the little Black Belt town of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her B.S. from Livingston College, she came to Huntsville in 1937, beginning a teaching career that spanned forty years; and

WHEREAS, she completed her M.A. at the University of Alabama; she received her Ph.D. there in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts joined the Huntsville Extension Center when it opened in 1950; consequently, she climbed through the ranks, attaining full professorship in 1961 and becoming a professor emerita in 1980; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years with the Center, which is now UAH (University of Alabama in Huntsville), she worked tirelessly to raise money for buildings, build the university's curriculum, and promote positive relations between the UAH and the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has continually taken her professional knowledge into the community, serving in leadership positions on several boards and speaking before civic groups; and

WHEREAS, because she is so greatly loved and admired by her former students, many of them have come forward to donate substantial amounts of money to UAH in her name; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Roberts combined her job of teaching, research and service with a much broader sense of responsibility which led her to do above and beyond what she was asked; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1993, Dr. Roberts received her Doctor of Humane Letters Honorary Degree:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Folsom, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 12, 1993, as

## Dr. Frances Roberts Day

in Alabama and do commend her for her outstanding achievements.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and the Great Seal of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 13th day of January, 1994.

JIM FOLSOM