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3 By Representative Beasley
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING JERE LOCKE BEASLEY FOR OUTSTANDING
9 SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, Jere Locke Beasley is a highly esteemed
12 attorney who has practiced law as an advocate for victims of
13 wrongdoing since 1962 and has made many contributions to the
14 citizens of the State of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, he embarked upon the private practice of
16 law after a distinguished career in public service, having
17 been elected Lieutenant Governor of Alabama for two
18 consecutive terms from January 1971 to 1979; and

19 WHEREAS, the one-lawyer firm that Mr. Beasley opened
20 in Montgomery in January 1979 has grown to employ more than
21 250 people, including more than 40 attorneys; and

22 WHEREAS, the driving force behind Mr. Beasley's
23 success has been his intense commitment to his clients; he is
24 an outspoken defender of the civil justice system, believing
25 that the courts are the only place where ordinary citizens
26 have a chance to stand up to the powerful interests of large
27 corporations; and

1 WHEREAS, his numerous courtroom successes include
2 landmark cases that have made a positive impact upon society,
3 including succeeding in requiring the recall of unsafe
4 vehicles, among many additional benchmark victories; and

5 WHEREAS, his firm is now known as Beasley, Allen,
6 Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; Mr. Beasley credits the
7 firm's motto, "Helping those who need it most," to his mother,
8 who instilled in him the obligation to serve those in need;
9 this mission extends throughout the firm, which is committed
10 to the community, donating more than \$1 million in charitable
11 organizations in the past three years, including support for
12 Father Walter's Children's Home, the March of Dimes, Brantwood
13 Children's Home, the Family Sunshine Center, and the Alabama
14 Shakespeare Festival; in addition, Mr. Beasley and the firm
15 have made major contributions to the growth of Montgomery and
16 the revitalization of the downtown area, joining in the
17 development of the Alley Entertainment District and providing
18 key support for the return of minor league baseball to the
19 Capital City; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley's many awards and honors
21 include being named March of Dimes Citizen of the Year and
22 receiving the Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club's Commitment to
23 Service Award; devoted to family and faith, he is an active
24 member of St. James United Methodist Church; he and his wife,
25 the former Sara Baker, have three children, Jere, Jr., Julia
26 Anne Beasley, and Bee McCollum; and six granddaughters; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Beasley's community
2 contributions and positive impact upon the legal profession
3 have been immeasurable and far-reaching; few men have achieved
4 his stature and maintained their tireless commitment to the
5 well-being of their fellowman; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
8 professional achievement and dedicated service to the citizens
9 of the State of Alabama, Jere Locke Beasley is honored and
10 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
11 to him along with best wishes in future worthy endeavors.