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3 By Senators Barron, Beason, Bedford, Bishop, Brooks, Butler,  
4 Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures, French, Glover,  
5 Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh, Means,  
6 Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,  
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and Waggoner

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8 COMMENDING SENATOR KIM BENEFIELD FOR DISTINGUISHED  
9 LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and  
12 appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and  
13 colleague, Senator Kim Benefield, to the citizens of Senate  
14 District 13 in Chambers, Clay, Randolph, Cleburne, Cherokee,  
15 and Lee Counties and to the State of Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Benefield has been actively  
17 involved in the legislative process through her varied  
18 committee assignments including serving as chair of  
19 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in addition to  
20 membership on Banking and Insurance; Education; Energy and  
21 Natural Resources; Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability;  
22 Governmental Affairs; Industrial Development and Recruitment;  
23 Judiciary; and Finance and Taxation, General Fund; and

24 WHEREAS, the daughter of an esteemed educator,  
25 Senator Benefield earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting  
26 from Jacksonville State University; in 1988, she was elected

1 Circuit Clerk of Randolph County and served with distinction  
2 for 18 years prior to being elected to the Alabama Senate; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Benefield is a devout Christian who  
4 serves Zion Baptist Church as pianist and teacher of the Young  
5 Adult Sunday School Class; she and her husband, Dennis, have  
6 been married for 34 years and have one daughter, Kelly  
7 Vandagriff, who is married to Greg Vandagriff; Senator  
8 Benefield enjoys spending time with her three cherished  
9 grandchildren, Brock, Anna Greer, and Audrey; her additional  
10 interests include church ministries, gardening, reading, and  
11 avidly following Auburn football; and

12 WHEREAS, among her many community contributions,  
13 Senator Benefield has been active in the United Way; she has  
14 also been an officer and board member of the Randolph County  
15 Chamber of Commerce, the Randolph County Learning Center, and  
16 Leadership Randolph County; in addition, she has served as  
17 treasurer of the Randolph County Baptist Association and the  
18 PTA; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Benefield's commitment to public  
20 service is unsurpassed; she has already earned respect as one  
21 of the most conscientious members of this august institution;  
22 all who have served with her will carry with them the memory  
23 of her competence and dedication; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby heartily commend  
26 Senator Kim Benefield for her outstanding record of service to

1 the people of Senate District 13 and the State of Alabama and  
2 for her invaluable contributions to this body.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
4 resolution will be presented to Senator Benefield with our  
5 highest esteem and appreciation.