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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
COMMENDING JOHN NOEL FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that John Noel is recognized for his exemplary record of professional achievement and service to his country, state, and community; and

WHEREAS, a member of a distinguished family whose heritage he honors and continues, Mr. Noel dates his Alabama lineage to 1792 when his ancestor, Hans Kennamer, settled in Kennamer's Cove in Jackson County; one of his great-grandfathers served in the Alabama State Legislature as a Republican after the Civil War and another great-grandfather followed the Confederate Army as a teenager, working as a medic, and later became a physician; and

WHEREAS, both his grandfathers were physicians, and one of his grandmothers had two brothers who were appointed as federal judges, one in Montgomery and the other in Tulsa, Oklahoma; his parents were small business owners who ran the local drug store in Boaz, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Noel graduated from Boaz High School and earned a Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1957 from Auburn University, working as a co-op student with the United States Army at Redstone Arsenal; after graduation, he worked

1 in Ft. Worth, Texas, on the B-58 bomber and later in Chicago,  
2 Illinois, on manufacturing controls; and

3 WHEREAS, after returning to Redstone, he eventually  
4 transferred to NASA in 1960 and was one of the charter  
5 employees of the Marshall Space Flight Center as NASA became a  
6 presence in Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, during his career, he worked on the  
8 Redstone, Pershing, Jupiter, and Saturn 5 rockets along with  
9 the Space Shuttle, as well as other key projects, and on two  
10 occasions was aboard the shuttle on the pad at Kennedy Space  
11 Center; in a coincidental reflection of his family background,  
12 the experiments for which he was responsible were of a medical  
13 nature; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel retired from NASA in 1988 with a  
15 total of 33.3 years of government service and spent several  
16 more years working as a contractor assisting with NASA efforts  
17 before finally retiring and becoming very involved in  
18 Republican politics; and

19 WHEREAS, he was one of the few charter members of  
20 the Republican Men's Club and served as its president for a  
21 number of years; since 1997, he has served effectively as  
22 Chairman of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel has been married to Dinah Noel for  
25 45 years and has two daughters and two grandchildren; and

1           WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect  
2           for his exceptional abilities and unwavering commitment to his  
3           country, state, and community; now therefore,

4           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his  
6           outstanding record of achievement and dedicated service,  
7           highest commendation is herein extended to John Noel, for whom  
8           a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our  
9           esteem and appreciation, along with best wishes in all future  
10          endeavors.

