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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Ball, Williams (P),
4 Johnson (W), Sanderford, Patterson and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING JOHN NOEL FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel graduated from Boaz High School
2 and earned a Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1957 from
3 Auburn University, working as a co-op student with the United
4 States Army at Redstone Arsenal; after graduation, he worked
5 in Ft. Worth, Texas, on the B-58 bomber and later in Chicago,
6 Illinois, on manufacturing controls; and

7 WHEREAS, after returning to Redstone, he eventually
8 transferred to NASA in 1960 and was one of the charter
9 employees of the Marshall Space Flight Center as NASA became a
10 presence in Alabama; and

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel has been married to Dinah Noel for
2 45 years and has two daughters and two grandchildren; and

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 02-JUN-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

02-JUN-11

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