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8 COMMENDING ROBERT ELLIOTT.

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10 WHEREAS, the Civil Department of Southern Company's
11 contributions to the world of engineering are stellar and
12 significant; among the company's most gifted and talented
13 engineers is Robert Elliott; he grew up in Jefferson County
14 and, after graduating from the University of Alabama at
15 Birmingham, joined Southern Company as one of the 1971 Class
16 of engineers that impacted the industry with such other
17 notable characters as Blanco, Byrd, Frye, Elmore and countless
18 others who have already retired; and

19 WHEREAS, Robert Elliott helped bring Duct design to
20 the Civil Department in 1973 and he quickly became aware that
21 the plural for duct is duct, not ducts; but between Duct
22 Season, J. B. Smith and Bob Powers awarded Robert the title of
23 "The Milkman," as he could stretch an EWO to its fullest; and

24 WHEREAS, Robert Elliott became a valuable resource
25 to the Southern system with superb knowledge of expansion
26 joints made of various materials such as corten, stainless,
27 chlorobutyl or kevlar, as he often changed his mind on mitered

1 joints, round corners or the famous camera corner and even
2 designed such things as toggle sections with preset hangers;
3 noteworthy was his experience with the Gaston Precipitator
4 that tended to squeak during startup and he inserted slide
5 bearings that defied the laws of friction and reshaped duct
6 supports for future generations; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Elliott became a strong advocate to
8 increase the standard access door from 18 inches diameter to
9 32 inches square due to his personal interest in the matter,
10 but it also it proved to be helpful to other fatsos as well;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Elliott made many engineering
13 contributions to Southern Company; he continually worked near
14 the rear of the fossil plants, which is generally associated
15 with "Ash," "Hot Air," and "Negative Pressure"; to this day,
16 no one can understand his affection for this environment; in
17 fact; when he heard about the FGD projects, he thought FGD
18 stood for "Fortified and Grand Ductwork" that resembled "Lego
19 Blocks"; PS: Patent Pending; and

20 WHEREAS, it is indeed an honor to recognize the
21 accomplishments of this exceptional engineer, who also
22 inspired others with his keen interest in fine automobiles and
23 served to be an excellent source of knowledge to other
24 potential consumers; best known for his Mustangs and
25 Thunderbirds, he is fondly remembered for his orange Datsun
26 and that yellow Opel; at one time Robert Elliott and Kathy
27 were known to be regular campers even though Robert shot a

1 hole in their RV's roof with Scott's bow and arrow; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with great pride and immense
5 pleasure we wish Robert and Kathy Elliott the best in their
6 retirement and may they enjoy many happy trails together; it
7 is also our hope that he will come back to visit and share a
8 biscuit or doughnut and a delicious cup of coffee; we hereby
9 declare this 30th day of June 2011 as "Robert Elliott Day" for
10 his many years of service to the electric utility industry.