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3 By Representatives Williams (J), Merrill, England, Melton,
4 Clouse, Lee, Chesteen, Lindsey, Buttram, Ford, Mask, Buskey,
5 Bracy, Jackson, Howard, Jones, Beckman, McMillan, Shiver,
6 Grimsley, Baker, Henry, Williams (D), Patterson, Drake, Hall,
7 Forte, Warren, Davis, Beech, Wallace, Faust, Brown, Gaston,
8 Fincher, McClendon, McClurkin, Boman, Sessions, Carns,
9 Nordgren, Collins, Moore (B), Johnson (K), Burdine, Baughn,
10 Bridges, Hurst, Johnson (R), Love, McAdory, Farley, Tuggle,
11 Todd, Greer, Ball, Hill, McCutcheon, Wood and Laird
12 RFD: Rules
13 First Read: 23-FEB-12

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8 URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM BOARD OF
9 TRUSTEES TO PURSUE CONDOLEEZZA RICE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE
10 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM.

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12 WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it is
13 imperative that institutions of higher learning employ the
14 best leadership available; employment of a highly qualified
15 Alabama native to the position of Chancellor of the University
16 of Alabama System would best serve the needs and citizens of
17 the State of Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, this legislative body notes with utmost
19 pride and pleasure that Condoleezza Rice, the first
20 African-American female to serve as our nation's Secretary of
21 State, is nationally recognized and respected for her
22 exceptional service and talents; Dr. Rice is a native
23 Alabamian who was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and has
24 familial ties to Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice's impressive public career
26 experience and service includes National Security Advisor;
27 National Security Council; Hoover Senior Fellow; professor of

1 political science and Provost of Stanford University;
2 Director-Senior Director, Soviet and Eastern European Affairs;
3 Special Assistant to the President for National Security
4 Affairs; and Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint
5 Chiefs of Staff; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice's diplomatic jobs are supported by
7 an impressive education that includes earning a bachelor's
8 degree in political science from the University of Denver; a
9 master's degree in government and international studies from
10 the University of Notre Dame; and a doctorate from the
11 University of Denver's Graduate School of International
12 Studies; and

13 WHEREAS, in her personal life, Dr. Rice was an avid
14 student, who excelled academically; her father served as a
15 college administrator in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and also coached
16 football, teaching Dr. Rice everything he could about tactics
17 and strategy; Dr. Rice is passionate about the game and uses
18 football analogies in her lectures, comparing war to football;
19 this knowledge and passion made her classes popular and
20 attracted many athletes; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice is intelligent, ambitious, and
22 eager to serve others; she is dedicated to physical fitness;
23 she has served effectively in numerous positions during
24 difficult times; she knows how to balance strong personalities
25 and viewpoints, yet she works hard not to reveal her own
26 personal views in her professional life; she has the ability

1 to focus her life on the task at hand and serve as an example
2 to others; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice, an Alabamian of whom we are most
4 proud, is admired and appreciated for her service; she is
5 highly qualified and may be willing to return to her home
6 state to serve as Chancellor of the University of Alabama
7 System; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the membership of the
10 Legislature strongly urges the University of Alabama System
11 Board of Trustees to pursue Dr. Condoleezza Rice to serve in
12 the position of Chancellor of the University of Alabama
13 System.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
15 resolution be provided to the University of Alabama System
16 Board of Trustees as an expression of our support on this
17 vital issue and that a copy of this resolution shall be
18 provided to Dr. Rice so that she may know of this request and
19 our sincere hope that she may so honor us and as an expression
20 of our sincere gratitude and esteem.