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3 By Representatives Boyd, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn,
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bracy, Bridges, Brown,
5 Burdine, Buskey, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clouse, Coleman,
6 Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, England, Farley,
7 Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Galliher, Gaston, Givan, Greer,
8 Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes,
9 Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison, Jackson,
10 Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Kennedy, Knight,
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,
15 Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,
16 Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway,
17 Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

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8 HONORING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TERRI SEWELL
9 FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
12 United States Representative Terri Sewell in recognition of
13 her outstanding accomplishments and dedicated public service
14 over the span of many years; and

15 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, she became the first
16 African-American woman to represent the State of Alabama in
17 Congress, the most recent in a series of trailblazing
18 achievements dating back to her student days, when she was the
19 first Black valedictorian of Selma High School; and

20 WHEREAS, a 1986 Cum Laude graduate of Princeton
21 University, she was awarded a Marshall/Commonwealth
22 Scholarship and received a Master's Degree with First Class
23 Honors from Oxford University in 1988; and

24 WHEREAS, after graduating in 1992 from Harvard Law
25 School, where she served as editor of the Civil Rights Civil
26 Liberties Law Review, she served as a judicial law clerk in

1 the United States District Court, Northern District of
2 Alabama, in Birmingham; and

3 WHEREAS, she began her legal career at the
4 prestigious law firm of Davis, Polk, and Wardwell in New York
5 City and was a successful securities lawyer for more than a
6 decade; and

7 WHEREAS, upon returning to Alabama in 2004, she has
8 made a significant impact both professionally and through her
9 community activities; and

10 WHEREAS, she was recently a partner in the
11 Birmingham law office of Maynard, Cooper, and Gale, P.C.,
12 where she distinguished herself as one of the few Black public
13 finance lawyers in the State of Alabama; she is the daughter
14 of retired Coach Andrew A. Sewell and retired librarian Nancy
15 Gardner Sewell, the first Black City Councilwoman in Selma;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, she has earned respect
18 for her exceptional abilities, along with admiration for her
19 unwavering commitment to worthy causes, to our cherished
20 Democracy, and to the highest ideals of the legal profession;
21 she is truly deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon
22 her at the 2012 Scholarship Banquet of the Anniston-Calhoun
23 County Alumni Chapter of Alabama State University; now
24 therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That United States Representative
27 Terri Sewell is most highly honored and commended for her

1 outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service, and this
2 resolution is offered in deepest appreciation to her, along
3 with best wishes for success in all future endeavors.