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8 HONORING JOHN GLENN.
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10 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to extend highest
11 commendation to John Glenn, in recognition of the 50th
12 anniversary of his inspirational accomplishment as the first
13 American to orbit the Earth, on February 20, 1962; and

14 WHEREAS, John Glenn was a United States Marine Corps
15 fighter pilot and served with honor and distinction in both
16 World War II and the Korean War, prior to becoming one of
17 NASA's original astronauts in the Mercury program; after
18 retiring from NASA, he entered the political arena and
19 represented Ohio as a Democrat in the United States Senate
20 from 1974-1999; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1998, at age 77, he became the oldest
22 person to fly in space when he flew on Discovery and became
23 the only individual to fly in both the Mercury and Space
24 Shuttle Programs; he was awarded a Congressional Space Medal
25 of Honor in 1978, was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame
26 in 1990, and has been the recipient of numerous additional
27 honors and recognitions, including the Woodrow Wilson Award

1 for Public Service by the Woodrow Wilson International Center
2 for Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution in 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1998, he helped found the John Glenn
4 Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at Ohio State
5 University, to encourage public service, and the institute
6 merged with the university's School of Public Policy and
7 Management in 2006 to become the John Glenn School of Public
8 Affairs, where he holds an adjunct professorship; and

9 WHEREAS, at age 90, John Glenn continues to be a
10 source of inspiration to all Americans, who take great pride
11 in every aspect of his remarkable life, from valiant warrior
12 in our Armed Forces, to trailblazing astronaut, to esteemed
13 statesman, to dedicated educator; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That John Glenn is most highly
16 honored and commended for a lifetime of achievement and
17 service, and this resolution is offered in admiration and
18 appreciation to him, along with heartiest congratulations on
19 celebrating the 50th anniversary of his Earth orbit on
20 February 20, 1962, and with best wishes in all future
21 endeavors.