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3 By Senators Coleman, Irons, Ross, Singleton, Figures,
4 Waggoner, Marsh, Ward, Dial, Keahey, Pittman, Fielding,
5 Beasley, and Smitherman
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8 COMMENDING DR. JOE L. REED FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.
12 Joe L. Reed is recognized for his distinguished service to
13 public education and the State of Alabama over the span of
14 more than 42 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Reed retired on December 31, 2011, from
16 his position as Associate Executive Secretary of the Alabama
17 Education Association, where he effectively represented
18 Alabama's teachers and support personnel and significantly
19 impacted every piece of proposed legislation affecting
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Reed began fighting for justice,
22 equality, and education immediately after serving his country
23 in the United States Army; in 1969, he merged his all-Black
24 Alabama State Teachers Association with the then-segregated
25 Alabama Education Association, and he has been instrumental in
26 the growth of that organization from some 21,000 members to
27 more than 100,000; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to his role in AEA, Dr. Reed
2 takes justifiable pride in filing and winning landmark
3 lawsuits including legislative redistricting and political
4 action committee funding; his roles of civic leadership
5 through the years have included serving as Chair for the
6 Alabama League for the Advancement of Education, member of the
7 Board of Trustees for Alabama State University, Chair of the
8 Alabama Democratic Conference, and Chair of the Board of
9 Trustees of the Community Church of Christ, among others; and

10 WHEREAS, among his well-deserved honors, Dr. Reed
11 received the prestigious H. Councill Trenholm Memorial Award
12 at the National Education Association's Annual Human and Civil
13 Rights Awards Dinner in 2009, in recognition of his
14 outstanding achievement in expanding educational opportunities
15 for minority students and educators and improving intergroup
16 relations in public schools; he is also the recipient of the
17 Common Cause Public Service Award, the Grand Polemark Award
18 presented by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the National Builder
19 Award presented by the Black Caucus of State Legislators, and
20 many additional awards and citations; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Reed has been
22 steadfastly committed to public education and the diligent
23 pursuit of equal rights; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his
26 retirement and in recognition of his distinguished career
27 spanning more than 42 years as Associate Executive Secretary

1 of the Alabama Education Association, highest commendation is
2 herein extended to Dr. Joe L. Reed, for whom a copy of this
3 resolution is provided in admiration and appreciation, along
4 with best wishes in all future endeavors.