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8 COMMENDING DR. DWAIN RUSH FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
12 herein conveyed to Dr. Dwain Rush in recognition of his  
13 outstanding achievement in providing the Clay County community  
14 with excellent health care during 37 and a half years of  
15 devoted practice; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Rush, who has been a long time friend  
17 and health care provider of the Clay County Community, retired  
18 at age 64 on December 28, 2011; the son of Fred and Nita Rush  
19 and one of six brothers, he developed a strong work ethic at  
20 an early age working on his family's farm outside of the  
21 Mellow Valley Community; and

22 WHEREAS, with much dedication, he felt strongly  
23 compelled to practice Family Medicine in his hometown; he  
24 graduated from Auburn University with honors in three years  
25 and was accepted to Medical School a year early; and

26 WHEREAS, in Auburn, he met the love of his life and  
27 wife of 37 years, Anna Marie; the couple married in 1971 and

1 welcomed two lovely daughters, Marie and Michelle; before he  
2 finished Medical School, they bought a 156-acre farm, Double  
3 Branch Farms, which, with their hard work, has expanded into a  
4 1,200 acre operation with 200 head of cattle; throughout the  
5 years, they have hired students to work on their farm and  
6 served as exceptional mentors; in 1974, they settled in Clay  
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, after attending Medical School, he received  
9 post-graduate training at Savannah Memorial Medical Center; he  
10 was certified by the American Board of Family Practice and a  
11 Fellow of AAFP; he was invited to become a partner at  
12 Lineville Clinic with Dr. George C. Smith, Sr., with whom he  
13 enjoyed a close working relationship for 30 years; after Dr.  
14 George C. Smith, Sr., retired, his son, Dr. Buddy Smith,  
15 became Dr. Rush's partner; they ran the successful practice  
16 with the help of Melissa Morrow, CRNP; and

17 WHEREAS, a compassionate caregiver, Dr. Rush worked  
18 in Clay County Hospital ER where he performed surgeries and  
19 delivered babies, a highly rewarding aspect of his career; Dr.  
20 Rush also spent time working in nursing homes; as a retiree,  
21 he will still visit the clinic and do some part-time work; on  
22 this new journey in his life, he wants to spend more time with  
23 his family, travel, and possibly do some mission work in the  
24 lower Appalachians; with much benevolence and altruism, Dr.  
25 Rush has cared for others over the years; his efforts, work,  
26 and values are exemplary; an extraordinary role model, he is  
27 truly deserving of his well-earned retirement; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2                   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a great pleasure to  
3                   extend commendations and congratulations to Dr. Dwain Rush for  
4                   his outstanding achievement in providing the Clay County  
5                   community with excellent health care during 37 and a half  
6                   years of devoted practice and, by copy of this resolution of  
7                   tribute, we convey our admiration and appreciation, along with  
8                   best wishes in all future endeavors.