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3 By Senators Ward, Dial, Waggoner, Allen, Beasley, Beason,
4 Bedford, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Whatley, and
8 Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 21-FEB-12

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8 NAMING THE LARRY DIXON-JACK BIDDLE, III, SENATE
9 HEALTH COMMITTEE ROOM.

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11 WHEREAS, Jack Biddle, III, served in the Alabama
12 Legislature for 32 years, in both the House of Representatives
13 and the Senate; he was the only person in state history to be
14 elected as a Democrat, an Independent, and a Republican; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Legislature, Jack
16 Biddle chaired the Rules Committee, Health Committee, Tax
17 Structure Committee, Long-Range Highway Commission, Hazardous
18 Waste Oversight Committee, Joint Transportation Committee, and
19 many others, as well as serving as a Floor Leader for three
20 Governors; and

21 WHEREAS, among the boards and commissions on which
22 he served are the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Department
23 of Mental Health, the State Mental Health Oversight Committee,
24 the State Board of Medical Scholarship Awards, the Jefferson
25 County Coroner's Medical Examiner's Board, the Mental Health
26 Bonding Authority, the Alabama Mental Health Finance
27 Authority, Glenwood Board of Directors, the National Alliance

1 on Mental Illness, and the Forum for State Health Policy
2 Leadership, a forum of the National Conference of State
3 Legislatures; and

4 WHEREAS, in recognition of Jack Biddle's many years
5 of serving the state mental health community, the Jack Biddle
6 Patient Treatment Center at Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa and
7 the Jack Biddle Building in Birmingham were named in his
8 honor; and

9 WHEREAS, he authored and sponsored numerous bills
10 that are now state law, most notably the removal of sales
11 taxes from prescription drugs; he deeply felt that all Alabama
12 citizens should have access to affordable health care; and

13 WHEREAS, among his honors and awards, Mr. Biddle has
14 been named Man of the Year by the Alabama Nursing Home
15 Association, Person of Vision Award by the Eye and Tissue
16 Bank, Crimefighter of the Year, Conservationist of the Year by
17 the Alabama Wildlife Federation, and Man of the Year by the
18 Alabama Sheriffs Association; Jack was also recognized by the
19 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Alabama, and also by
20 the Alabama Library Association for his work in education; he
21 was also named Outstanding Legislator by the American
22 Association on Mental Retardation for his years of advocacy on
23 behalf of people with intellectual and developmental
24 disabilities; and

25 WHEREAS, Jack Biddle is a successful real estate
26 broker and builder, and is the current Assistant to the CEO of
27 the Drummond Company; and

1 WHEREAS, Jack Biddle is a graduate of Samford
2 University, and served in the Counter-Intelligence Corps of
3 the United States Army; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Biddle actively participates in
5 church, civic, and community activities and is a member of
6 Gardendale Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, Alabama
7 Historical Society, Alabama Wildlife Federation, Alliance for
8 the Mentally Ill of Alabama, and a number of other boards and
9 organizations; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
11 ALABAMA, That we recognize and commend Jack Biddle, III, by
12 naming the Larry Dixon-Jack Biddle, III, Senate Health
13 Committee Room.