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3 By Senators Orr, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,  
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding, Figures,  
5 Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill,  
6 Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton,  
7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and  
8 Williams  
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10 First Read: 06-FEB-13

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4 ENROLLED, SJR5,

5 COMMENDING DR. ED BRIDGES FOR PROFESSIONAL  
6 ACHIEVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
9 Dr. Ed Bridges, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives  
10 and History, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments  
11 and dedicated service during a 30-year career of great  
12 distinction; and

13 WHEREAS, the announcement of his retirement in 2012  
14 was received with regret by colleagues, who consider him  
15 indispensable, and by all those who encountered him in search  
16 of information about the past as prologue to the future; and

17 WHEREAS, his love for Alabama is accompanied by  
18 unparalleled knowledge and commitment to preserving our  
19 history, a combination that made him uniquely qualified for  
20 his position; in addition, as a man of keen intellect and  
21 strong work ethic, he is one of the finest examples of a  
22 servant leader ever to surface in state government; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Bridges is also recognized for his  
24 capacity to work productively with everyone he meets, a rare  
25 quality that served Alabama well, and he managed difficult

1 financial challenges while providing the highest quality of  
2 public service, including well-attended monthly programs and  
3 continual community outreach; his leadership inspired loyalty  
4 and tireless commitment from the staff and volunteers; and

5 WHEREAS, among the tangible legacies of his tenure  
6 is the imposing \$20 million west wing of the Department of  
7 Archives and History, an Alabama treasure in which he was  
8 instrumental; and

9 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Bridges earned the  
10 respect of professional historians and the appreciation of all  
11 Alabamians who had occasion to utilize the archival resources  
12 that he managed so astutely; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Ed Bridges is most highly  
15 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in  
16 grateful tribute to him, along with best wishes in his  
17 well-earned retirement after an exemplary 30-year career as  
18 Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 21-FEB-13

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By: Senator Orr