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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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8 COMMENDING DR. ED BRIDGES FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Bridges is also recognized for his
27 capacity to work productively with everyone he meets, a rare

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

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

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

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