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3 By Representative Ford  
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8 COMMENDING KEITH KELLEY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY  
9 FOR MENTAL HEALTH.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Keith Kelley for his outstanding advocacy for  
13 mental health; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley diligently strove to secure  
15 state funding for mental health issues and pass legislation to  
16 help those affected by mental illness; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley worked to promote the  
18 establishment of Community Mental Health Officers positions,  
19 which are critical for the safety of those who have mental  
20 illness, along with the safety of the overall public, and  
21 obtain funding for those positions; in addition, he strove to  
22 ensure that Community Health Officers would be fully equipped  
23 to assist law enforcement and the families dealing with mental  
24 illness who are caught up in the system and need help in  
25 crisis situations; he worked on legislation that addresses  
26 other issues those affected by mental health face and aids  
27 them in their struggle; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley has devoted his time to helping  
2 those facing mental health issues out of his care and concern  
3 for humanity; he champions the mentally ill, who, many times,  
4 are overlooked and misunderstood; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley is a broker and owner of  
6 Harris-McKay Realty and Harris-McKay Co., Inc., in Anniston,  
7 Alabama; and

8           WHEREAS, he has served the Alabama Association of  
9 Realtors in many capacities including as President, secretary,  
10 treasurer, President-Elect, a member of its Board of  
11 Directors, ARPAC Trustee, chair of the Planning Committee,  
12 Audit Committee, Finance Committee, and Government and  
13 Political Affairs Committee, and a member of the Business  
14 License Task Force, Structural Audit Task Force,  
15 Tenant/Landlord Task Force, and Organizational Standards Task  
16 Force; he has served the Calhoun County Area Board of Realtors  
17 in various positions as well; and

18           WHEREAS, he has served as an activist for realtor  
19 concerns such as property reappraisals, imminent domain,  
20 tenant landlord issues, and realtor business licenses; he  
21 worked on the B.P. Oil Spill with Governor Riley, securing a  
22 special fund for Realtors' relief of 60 million dollars as  
23 realtors did not qualify for most help since they were  
24 considered self-employed; and

25           WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Kelley is a two-time winner of  
26 the Realtor of the Year Award and a winner of the Hoyt W.  
27 Howell, Sr., Award;

1           WHEREAS, he is extremely active civically and has  
2           contributed his time and talents to the Chamber of Commerce,  
3           the Anna Elizabeth Garner Foundation, Habitat for Humanity,  
4           Salvation Army, Humane Society, United Way, American Heart  
5           Association, and Cancer Relay for Life; he has sponsored,  
6           coached, and served as President of Weaver Baseball for Youth,  
7           and he has coached and served as President of Weaver Football  
8           for Youth; he has served as President of Coosa Valley Youth  
9           Football, a member of the Quarterback Club, a founding member  
10          of the Alexandria Jaycees, a member of the Fraternal Order of  
11          Odd Fellows, and as Deacon; and

12           WHEREAS, Keith Kelley's unwavering commitment to  
13          excellence and incredible servant leadership reflect immense  
14          honor upon the entire State of Alabama; he has positively  
15          impacted countless lives, and he is truly deserving of special  
16          recognition; now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Keith Kelley is highly honored  
19          and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in  
20          deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best  
21          wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.