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3 By Representative Coleman-Evans  
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8 COMMENDING DR. SIDNEY A. RIBEAU FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau for outstanding professional  
13 achievement on the occasion of his retirement as President of  
14 Howard University; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Ribeau embarked upon his distinguished  
16 tenure with Howard University in 2008; he diligently  
17 contributed expert leadership and guidance in the position for  
18 five years; in addition, he served as a trustee of the  
19 University; and

20 WHEREAS, prior to his most recent position, Dr.  
21 Ribeau served as President and Chief Executive Officer of  
22 Bowling Green State University for 13 years; as a result of  
23 his exceptional vision, Bowling Green State University  
24 received recognition for its residential learning communities,  
25 values-based education, and innovative graduate programs; and

26 WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Dr. Ribeau  
27 has also served as a professor of communication studies at

1 California State University, as chair of California State  
2 University's Pan African Studies Department, as dean of  
3 undergraduate studies at California State University, San  
4 Bernardino, as dean of the College of Liberal Arts at  
5 California Polytechnic State University, and as vice president  
6 for academic affairs at Cal Poly Pomona; and

7 WHEREAS, civically involved, Dr. Ribeau serves as a  
8 Director at Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association College  
9 Retirement Equities Fund, Association of American Colleges and  
10 Universities, Toledo Symphony, Greater Toledo Urban League,  
11 the American Council on Education's National Diversity Group,  
12 a Member of the Board of Trustees at the Regional Growth  
13 Partnerships and Third Frontier, Trustee of Teachers Insurance  
14 and Annuity Association-America of TIAA Real Estate Account,  
15 as Director of Worthington Industries, Inc., and The Regional  
16 Growth Partnership; he is a former Director of The Andersons,  
17 Inc., and Convergys Corporation; and

18 WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor's Degree in  
19 English and Speech Education from Wayne State University in  
20 1971 and his Master's and Doctoral Degrees in Interpersonal  
21 and Group Communications from the University of Illinois,  
22 Urbana-Champaign; and

23 WHEREAS, notably, he was recognized by the National  
24 Association of Student Personnel Administrators, with its  
25 prestigious President's Award in 2003, and he was honored as  
26 an outstanding teacher and student adviser at California State  
27 University; and

1                   WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Ribeau has earned  
2                   immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional  
3                   abilities, and he has enriched the lives and minds of  
4                   countless students; his hard work and ingenuity reflect  
5                   immense honor upon the entire State of Alabama, and he is  
6                   truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
8                   THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau is  
9                   highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered  
10                  to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with  
11                  sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
12                  endeavors.