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3 By Senators Waggoner, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, Whatley
8 and Williams
9 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING FORMER STATE SENATOR LARRY DIXON FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, former State Senator Larry Dixon has
12 received two prestigious and well-deserved professional
13 awards, adding to the extensive list of his accomplishments;
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15 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon has been selected for the 2014
16 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Federation of State Medical
17 Boards and has also been inducted into the Alabama Healthcare
18 Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Oklahoma who adopted Alabama as
20 his home state, Larry Dixon received both a Bachelor of
21 Science Degree and a Master of Arts Degree in History from
22 Washington State University, followed by additional graduate
23 work in Texas, Georgia, and Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon served his country with honor
25 and distinction in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964,
26 stationed in Bamberg, Germany, and attaining the rank of
27 Sergeant (E-5); and

1 WHEREAS, after his military service, Larry Dixon
2 married the former Gaynell Kimbrough, at the First United
3 Methodist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, where they remain
4 active members; they have two daughters, Katherine Dixon
5 (Christopher L.) Hert and Elizabeth Dixon (Elliott Grier)
6 Allen, and three cherished grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth
7 Hert, Elliott Grier Allen, Jr., and William Walker Dixon
8 Allen; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon served a term on the Montgomery
10 City Council from 1975 to 1978, followed by four years in the
11 Alabama House of Representatives from 1978 to 1982, and was
12 then elected to seven consecutive terms in the Alabama Senate,
13 serving from 1982 until 2011 and earning the esteem of
14 colleagues and constituents; and

15 WHEREAS, since 1981, Larry Dixon has been the
16 Executive Director of the Alabama State Board of Medical
17 Examiners, an unparalleled tenure marked by outstanding
18 accomplishments and contributions to the people of our great
19 state and to the medical profession; and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon has served the medical and
21 health communities in many capacities such as President of the
22 Administrators in Medicine Society, Incorporated, and member
23 of the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical
24 Boards Research and Education Foundation, among others; and

25 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon's causes have also included
26 public education and higher education, receiving many awards
27 and serving in various capacities, including a presidential

1 appointment to the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on
2 Education, appointment as Commissioner on the Commission on
3 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,
4 member of the Southern Regional Education Board and the
5 Educational Commission of the States, and appointment as a
6 Tuskegee University Trustee; and

7 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon has been a leader in civic and
8 community organizations, including the Montgomery Lions Club,
9 and has served on numerous boards; he has also been
10 politically engaged, attending National Republican Conventions
11 as an elected delegate for Ronald Reagan, Robert Dole, George
12 W. Bush, and Mitt Romney; and

13 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
14 Larry Dixon has earned respect for his exceptional abilities
15 and tireless dedication; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That is with great pleasure that we
18 recognize our good friend and former colleague, longtime State
19 Senator Larry Dixon and heartily congratulate him on receiving
20 the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Federation of State
21 Medical Boards and on being inducted into the Alabama
22 Healthcare Hall of Fame.