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3 By Senators Ward, Blackwell, Beason and Waggoner  
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8 COMMENDING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SPENCER  
9 BACHUS FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, United States Representative Spencer Bachus  
12 has served in Congress since 1993, representing Alabama's 6th  
13 Congressional District with exceptional competence and  
14 dedication; and

15 WHEREAS, in September 2013, he announced his  
16 retirement from Congress at the end of his current term in  
17 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, he is the senior member of the Alabama  
19 delegation in the House of Representatives; and

20 WHEREAS, among the highlights of his Congressional  
21 career, he was designated Chair of the powerful Financial  
22 Services Committee of the House of Representatives in 2011,  
23 becoming the first Alabama Republican in more than a century  
24 to chair a full committee of the House of Representatives; and

25 WHEREAS, when he was elected to the House of  
26 Representatives in 1992, he won with 59 percent of the vote  
27 and he was reelected ten times by wide margins; and

1           WHEREAS, his legislative initiatives resulted in  
2 innumerable benefits for the people of the State of Alabama,  
3 including promoting jobs and opportunity, developing modern  
4 transportation systems to stimulate economic development,  
5 preserving our wildlife and cherished river system while  
6 promoting ecotourism, attaining grant funds for storm shelter  
7 construction, and honoring the service of our veterans; and

8           WHEREAS, he is also recognized nationally for his  
9 financial expertise; most notably, he proposed the capital  
10 injections plan that helped stabilize the nation's banking  
11 system during the 2008 crisis; in addition, he has been  
12 involved in fighting cybercrime, protecting consumers, and  
13 aiding business startups, among many accomplishments and  
14 reform measures; and

15           WHEREAS, prior to his tenure in the United States  
16 House Representatives, he served effectively in both the  
17 Alabama House of Representatives and the Alabama Senate; and

18           WHEREAS, he is a source of justifiable pride to both  
19 Auburn University, as a 1969 graduate, and The University of  
20 Alabama School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor Degree  
21 in 1972; and

22           WHEREAS, he also served with honor and distinction  
23 in the Alabama National Guard during the Vietnam War; and

24           WHEREAS, Congressman Bachus is a devoted public  
25 servant who has earned the respect of colleagues and  
26 constituents alike; his contributions to his state and nation

1 through the years have been significant and far-reaching, and  
2 he is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Congressman Spencer Bachus is  
5 hereby most highly honored and commended, and it is directed  
6 that a copy of this resolution be provided to him in  
7 admiration and appreciation, along with best wishes in all  
8 future endeavors.