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3 By Senators Smitherman, Bedford, Allen, Beasley, Beason,  
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, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley  
8 and Williams  
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8 COMMENDING MARK A. CROSSWHITE FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Mark  
12 A. Crosswhite is recognized for his professional achievements  
13 and dedicated public service; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Crosswhite is the new President and  
15 Chief Executive Officer of Alabama Power Company, which  
16 provides electricity to more than 1.4 million customers across  
17 the state, having served since 2012 as Executive Vice  
18 President and Chief Operating Officer for Southern Company,  
19 Alabama Power's parent company; and

20 WHEREAS, prior to joining Southern Company, Mr.  
21 Crosswhite was a partner in the law firm of Balch and Bingham  
22 LLP in Birmingham, where he practiced in the Energy Section  
23 for 17 years; and

24 WHEREAS, among the additional milestones in his  
25 resume, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf  
26 Power, a Southern Company subsidiary based in Pensacola,  
27 Florida; and

1           WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Alabama, Mr.  
2 Crosswhite also serves with dedication in a number of civic  
3 and nonprofit organizations, including the Executive Committee  
4 of the Birmingham Business Alliance, and the Boards of  
5 Directors for The University of Alabama Law School Foundation  
6 and the Virginia Samford Theatre; he is Vice Chair of the  
7 Electricity Committee of the Section of Public Utility,  
8 Communications and Transportation Law of the American Bar  
9 Association, and a member of the Edison Electric Institute  
10 Legal Committee; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Crosswhite is a native of Decatur, and  
12 his family has deep roots in Alabama, dating to the early 19th  
13 Century; he received a Bachelor's Degree in 1984 from the  
14 University of Alabama in Huntsville and a J.D. Degree in 1987  
15 from The University of Alabama School of Law; he and his wife,  
16 Jane Emily, have two sons, and are longtime valued members of  
17 the Birmingham community; now therefore,

18           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mark A. Crosswhite is hereby  
20 most highly honored and commended for his many  
21 accomplishments, and this resolution is offered with heartiest  
22 congratulations on being named President and Chief Executive  
23 Officer of Alabama Power Company, along with best wishes for  
24 the future.