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3 By Senators Allen, Blackwell, Hightower, Waggoner, Ross, Dunn,
4 Coleman, Beasley, Irons, Figures, Keahey, Fielding, McGill and
5 Williams
6 RFD:
7 First Read: 18-MAR-14

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8 RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF THE COALING WATER
9 AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM IN HONOR OF JOHN W. TATUM.

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11 WHEREAS, the Coaling Water Authority Board Room has
12 been named in honor of John W. Tatum; and

13 WHEREAS, John W. Tatum (September 5, 1919-June 10,
14 2013) was among the first to initiate the establishment of a
15 water system into the Town of Coaling; and

16 WHEREAS, on September 19, 1967, Coaling Water
17 Authority was established and beginning on that date John W.
18 Tatum was an integral part of the operations of Coaling Water;
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20 WHEREAS, John W. Tatum was appointed to the Coaling
21 Water Authority Board on September 19, 1967, and served until
22 March 1, 1985, when he assumed the position as clerk for the
23 water company and continued until August 2008; and

24 WHEREAS, through the efforts and knowledge of John
25 W. Tatum and the other board members, Coaling Water was able
26 to pay off all loans required to bring water to the area, and
27 Coaling Water then became an entity unto itself; and

1 WHEREAS, over the years, the company has expanded to
2 1,240 customers and now occupies an appropriate office
3 building and maintenance building; and

4 WHEREAS, the success of Coaling Water is credited to
5 John W. Tatum's expert financial management during the early
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, John W. Tatum was born and died in Coaling,
8 reared a family there, and loved the town with all his heart;
9 his community contributions were numerous and far-reaching,
10 and he is truly deserving of being commemorated through the
11 naming of the Coaling Water Authority Board Room in his honor;
12 now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the dedication of the Coaling
15 Water Authority Board Room in honor of John W. Tatum is hereby
16 recognized, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
17 be provided for appropriate display, in admiration and
18 gratitude for his lifetime of exemplary service.