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3 By Senators Beasley and Holley  
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8 HONORING JOHN PALMER BEASLEY FOR LIFETIME  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to John Palmer Beasley for lifetime achievement; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley was born April 29, 1933, in  
14 Dothan, Alabama, to the union of Claude Lee and Ida Harvin  
15 Palmer Beasley; he lived in Blakely, Georgia, for the first  
16 two years of his life; after his father passed away, he, along  
17 with his infant sister, Grace Carol "Bebe," and his mother,  
18 moved back across the Chattahoochee River to Columbia,  
19 Alabama, in 1935; he has called Columbia home for the past 80  
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer knew the meaning of hard work at  
22 an early age; in his formative years, he picked cotton for the  
23 Marion Oakley Farm and worked at the Oakley Cotton Gin, as a  
24 ticket taker, projectionist and concession stand clerk in the  
25 movie theater in Columbia, and as a clerk at Columbia Drug  
26 Company, a business he would later purchase; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley was an outstanding student at  
2           Houston County High School, where he served as President and  
3           Valedictorian of the senior class of 1951 and was an  
4           exceptional athlete; his classmates selected him as Mr.  
5           Houston County High School and as Most Likely to Succeed; and

6           WHEREAS, as a freshman at Howard College, now  
7           Samford University, he worked at Lanier Pharmacy in  
8           Birmingham; he graduated with a Pharmacy Degree from Alabama  
9           Polytechnic Institute on March 17, 1955; and

10          WHEREAS, he married Barbara Latiolais of Dothan,  
11          Alabama, on March 26, 1955, and moved to Mobile, where he  
12          completed his six-month internship at a pharmacy under the  
13          direction of his uncle, Horace Brown; he purchased Columbia  
14          Drug Company on October 1, 1955, and started Beasley Pharmacy;  
15          over the next five years, he and his wife had three children,  
16          John, Jr., Sidney, and Claudia; and

17          WHEREAS, during the past 60 years, he has garnered  
18          numerous accolades and has selflessly devoted his time to a  
19          multitude of civic and church activities; and

20          WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Beasley has earned  
21          immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional  
22          abilities; he is a model citizen whose record of excellence  
23          reflects immense honor upon the entire State of Alabama; now  
24          therefore,

25          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That John Palmer Beasley is highly

1 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
2 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
3 best wishes for continued prosperity.