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3 By Representative Sanderford  
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8 COMMENDING GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA FOR DISTINGUISHED  
9 MILITARY SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
12 General Dennis L. Via in recognition of his distinguished  
13 military career and dedicated service to the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, on August 7, 2012, General Dennis L. Via  
15 assumed duties as the 18th Commander of the U. S. Army  
16 Materiel Command, the Army's premier provider of materiel  
17 readiness to ensure dominant land force capability for the  
18 U.S. Warfighter and our allies; and

19 WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as commander,  
20 General Via served as Deputy Commanding General of Army  
21 Materiel Command and as Director for Command, Control,  
22 Communications and Computer Systems, J-6, The Joint Staff,  
23 Washington, D.C.; in 2011, he was deployed to Southwest Asia  
24 as the Commander of the Army Materiel Command Responsible  
25 Reset Task Force, with the mission of leading the strategic  
26 integration of the materiel enterprise for the retrograde of  
27 equipment and materiel out of Iraq;

1           WHEREAS, a native of Martinsville, Virginia, General  
2 Via was commissioned in the Signal Corps on May 18, 1980,  
3 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from  
4 Virginia State University; furthermore, General Via holds a  
5 Master's Degree from Boston University, and is a 1991 graduate  
6 of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, a 1999  
7 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, and is a member of the  
8 Council on Foreign Relations; and

9           WHEREAS, General Via's distinguished service  
10 includes numerous command assignments and staff assignments  
11 around the world; and

12           WHEREAS, General Via holds the distinction of being  
13 the only Signal Corps officer in U.S. Army history to be  
14 promoted to 4-Star General; he has earned the Defense  
15 Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal  
16 with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the  
17 Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious  
18 Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service  
19 Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal  
20 with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Achievement Medal,  
21 and the Army Achievement Medal; now therefore,

22           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in admiration and  
24 appreciation of his distinguished career, it is a great  
25 pleasure to honor and commend General Dennis L. Via, for whom  
26 a copy of this resolution is provided with deepest gratitude

1 for his outstanding record of service and with best wishes in  
2 all future endeavors.