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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

COMMENDING MARTIN CRAIG STRICKLAND FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
Martin Craig Strickland in recognition of his exemplary record
of achievement and service to the Alabama Legislature and the
citizens of our state during a distinguished professional
career with the Legislative Reference Service; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1973 in the historic State
Capitol, where he and other attorneys worked in a single large
room with desks abutting and multiple conversations
transpiring, to his current status in the Alabama State House
as a team leader and veteran attorney, Craig Strickland has
made valued contributions to the legislative process and
public administration; through the years his practical and
analytical approach to complex legal and constitutional
issues, coupled with his legal knowledge and vast experience
in all facets of government have been instrumental components
in his immeasurable success as a respected advisor to members
and others in the legislative community; and

WHEREAS, as the longest-serving employee of the
Legislative Reference Service, a remarkable 42 plus years, his
expertise covers the entire spectrum of lawmaking; areas of

1 knowledge include taxation, economic and industrial
2 development, reapportionment, environment, constitutional and
3 legislative issues, and Sunset Law; a bright and far-ranging
4 field of enlightenment that is evident by the vast number of
5 existing statutes crafted by his measured hand; and

6 WHEREAS, a calming voice to his colleagues in the
7 midst of legislative chaos, coworkers who share the back halls
8 of the birthplace of legislation with Mr. Strickland will
9 forever appreciate his innate ability to garner a laugh during
10 the most stressful of times, all while articulately spinning
11 an original solution to a troubling legal problem; otherwise
12 stated, "Strick" is as cool as they come; and

13 WHEREAS, Martin Craig Strickland unquestionably
14 represents excellence, intelligence, integrity, accuracy,
15 fairness, and unwavering commitment to the duties he so
16 professionally and proficiently performed on a daily basis; he
17 will be greatly missed for his abilities, compatibility,
18 demeanor, and especially his friendship and loyalty; an
19 exceptional father and a devoted husband, we wish Craig and
20 his lovely wife, Candy, and children, Martin and Emily Beth,
21 health, immeasurable happiness, and well-deserved prosperity;
22 now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
25 outstanding record of professional achievement and dedicated

1 service to the Alabama Legislature and this state, Martin
2 Craig Strickland is honored and commended, and this resolution
3 is offered to him in highest tribute and deepest appreciation,
4 along with best wishes as he embarks upon his well-deserved
5 retirement.

