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3 By Representative Gaston  
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8 COMMENDING MARTIN CRAIG STRICKLAND FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

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

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

1           WHEREAS, as the longest-serving employee of the  
2           Legislative Reference Service, a remarkable 42 plus years, his  
3           expertise covers the entire spectrum of lawmaking; areas of  
4           knowledge include taxation, economic and industrial  
5           development, reapportionment, environment, constitutional and  
6           legislative issues, and Sunset Law; a bright and far-ranging  
7           field of enlightenment that is evident by the vast number of  
8           existing statutes crafted by his measured hand; and

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

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

26          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his

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