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3 By Senators Figures, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,  
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanford,  
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8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR59,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR HANK SANDERS ON PUBLISHING 1,500  
6 CONSECUTIVE SENATE SKETCHES.

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8 WHEREAS, on April 29, 1987, Senator Hank Sanders  
9 published his inaugural Senate Sketches in the Greene County  
10 Democrat; and

11 WHEREAS, as of today, March 8, 2016, the good  
12 senator has written and published 1,500 consecutive weekly  
13 Senate Sketches in the same newspaper; although other  
14 newspapers, publications, Email, Facebook, and Twitter feeds  
15 throughout the state, nation, and world have published  
16 selected Senate Sketches, only the Greene County Democrat has  
17 the audacious distinction of publishing the entire 1,500  
18 sketches; and

19 WHEREAS, in spite of trials, sickness, surgery,  
20 legislative sessions, the lack of available technology, and  
21 many other seemingly insurmountable events and circumstances,  
22 not once in 29 years did Senator Sanders fail to timely,  
23 diligently, and consistently report to his constituency; and

24 WHEREAS, through his Senate Sketches, the senator  
25 has brought to life for the public a vivid insider's view of a

1 wide array of topics and concerns affecting his personal and  
2 professional life as a humble senator from Alabama, including  
3 frustrations and successes, heartache and happiness, culture  
4 and history, politics and law, birth and death, and life,  
5 sweet life; and

6 WHEREAS, Senate Sketches has evolved over the years  
7 according to feedback from readers; has been written during  
8 trips to Africa, Asia, South America, Europe, and many places  
9 in North America; has been pored over by numerous friends and  
10 acquaintances searching for mention of their names; and has  
11 been written at the bedside of his dear partner and wife Faya  
12 Rose Toure; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we most heartily thank and  
15 commend our friend and colleague Senator Hank Sanders for his  
16 authentic and enduring contribution to the lives of his  
17 constituency by publishing 1,500 Senate Sketches.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
19 resolution be provided to the senator as a small token of our  
20 esteem and hope that his publications continue far into the  
21 future.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Figures