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3 By Representative Weaver  
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8 COMMENDING MORRIS CRAWFORD FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 commending Mr. Joe Morris Crawford, Jr., RPh, of West Blocton,  
13 Alabama, for an outstanding record of professional  
14 achievements in pharmacy and service to our country and  
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford is a 1962 graduate of Bessemer  
17 High School and a 1967 graduate of Samford University, where  
18 he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity and earned a  
19 Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1968, he joined the National Guard and  
21 was assigned to the 117th Tactical Hospital as their  
22 pharmacist; in May 1974, Mr. Crawford was chosen as Airman of  
23 the Month for receiving Outstanding on all evaluations and  
24 inspections while in charge of the base pharmacy, where he  
25 held the rank of Technical Sergeant; and

26 WHEREAS, during this period in his life, Mr.  
27 Crawford was working as a pharmacist in the Bessemer area and

1 noticed a number of customers from West Blocton, and seeing  
2 the opportunity, Mr. Crawford, along with two silent partners,  
3 opened the West Blocton Pharmacy; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford observed a need for better  
5 rural medical care in his community and worked with Rural  
6 Health Services to obtain a doctor to be the Medical Director  
7 of West Blocton Health Center; and

8 WHEREAS, after 10 years at West Blocton Pharmacy, in  
9 order to spend more time with his family, Mr. Crawford became  
10 a pharmacist at Big B Pharmacy, which later became a CVS  
11 Pharmacy; he transferred to the CVS Pharmacy in Centreville  
12 where he spent over 25 years with CVS; during this time he  
13 obtained his preceptor license to work and train future  
14 pharmacists; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2008, he received the CVS Pharmacy  
16 Region 28 Best Overall Triple S Award, and represented his  
17 region in Orlando, Florida; at the time of his retirement he  
18 was Chief Pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Centreville, Alabama;  
19 after retirement he continued to work part time for  
20 independent pharmacies in Bibb County until his true  
21 retirement; Mr. Crawford commented that he could not think of  
22 any profession other than pharmacy he would have chosen for a  
23 life long career; and

24 WHEREAS, upon moving to Woodstock in 1973, he served  
25 as deacon and Sunday school teacher and Director at Woodstock  
26 Baptist Church before moving to West Blocton in 2009 where he

1 currently serves as deacon at Schultz Creek Baptist Church;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, he has been married to Janet, his high  
4 school sweetheart, for 53 years; is the proud father of son,  
5 JJ, and daughter and son-in-law Marcie and Kyle Boothe; and  
6 the grandfather to four grandsons, Gauge, Brody, Mason, and  
7 Kaleb Boothe; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are proud to commend Mr.  
10 Morris Crawford for his professional achievement and  
11 contributions as a respected pharmacist, and by copy of this  
12 resolution we convey our highest esteem and best wishes.