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3 By Senators Marsh, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Brewbaker,
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, McClendon,
6 Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,
8 Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 20-MAR-18

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8 COMMENDING SENATOR SLADE BLACKWELL FOR DISTINGUISHED
9 LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and
12 appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and
13 colleague, Senator Mark Slade Blackwell, to the citizens of
14 Senate District 15, in Jefferson, Shelby, and Talladega
15 Counties, since being elected in November 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Blackwell has been actively
17 involved in the legislative process through his important
18 leadership and committee assignments including: Banking and
19 Insurance, Job Creation and Economic Development,
20 Confirmations, Finance and Taxation Education, Health and
21 Human Services, Local Legislation Jefferson County, and Local
22 Legislation Shelby County; and

23 WHEREAS, a resident of Birmingham, Senator Blackwell
24 graduated from the University of Montevallo, where he was a
25 member of the basketball team; he serves on the board for the
26 Lakeshore Foundation, the Birmingham History Center, the
27 Pinson Education Foundation, the Birmingham Golf Association,

1 and the Shelby Arts Council; he is involved in the Birmingham
2 Business Alliance and several chambers of commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1996, Senator Blackwell opened his own
4 company, Inkana Development, a fully integrated real estate
5 company specializing in real estate and development
6 structuring for complex projects, partnerships, and joint
7 ventures in the health care and infrastructure industries; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Slade Blackwell and his wife, Dr.
9 Sally Salter, have three children, twin sons, Colby and Grant,
10 and daughter, Hagen; they are members of Covenant Presbyterian
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Slade Blackwell has worked
13 tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Alabama while serving
14 in the Alabama Senate and all who have served with him will
15 always remember his dedication and inspiring service; now
16 therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH HOUSES
18 THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily commend Senator Blackwell
19 for his outstanding service to the people of Senate District
20 15 and the State of Alabama and for his invaluable
21 contributions to this body for the past eight years.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
23 resolution will be presented to Senator Blackwell with our
24 highest esteem and appreciation, as well as sincere best
25 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.