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3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Blackwell, Brewbaker,  
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,  
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford,  
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 RECOGNIZING SENATOR QUINTON ROSS FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 SERVICE TO THE ALABAMA SENATE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
12 Senator Quinton T. Ross, Jr., for his exceptional record of  
13 professional excellence and service to the citizens of Alabama  
14 during his 15 years in the Alabama Senate; and

15 WHEREAS, one of seven African-American members of  
16 the Senate, Senator Ross was the first African-American male  
17 to serve as Senate Minority Leader and he was the first  
18 Minority Leader elected to a four-year term; and

19 WHEREAS, while serving in the Senate, Senator Ross  
20 served on numerous committees including, Banking and  
21 Insurance, Confirmation, County and Municipal Government,  
22 Finance and Taxation, Education, Transportation and Energy,  
23 Military Affairs, and as vice chair of Education Youth  
24 Affairs; and

25 WHEREAS, before his selection as the 15th President  
26 of Alabama State University, Senator Ross was an educator and

1 administrator and had a profound impact on countless lives  
2 through his selfless service; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Ross has received numerous awards  
4 for his professional achievements and public service  
5 including: Montgomery Advertiser's 2003 King Spirit Award;  
6 2005 Dare to Make a Difference Award; 2005 Young Legend Award;  
7 2009 Alabama School Board Association's Power of One Award;  
8 2012 Alabama Adult Education Director's Association Champion  
9 Award; 2016 Beloved Community Award presented by Alabama State  
10 University Friends of the Theater; and the 2017 Business  
11 Champion Award for the Business Council of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, through the years, Senator Ross has earned  
13 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication  
14 and exceptional abilities; he has set the bar high for  
15 professionalism and service within the Alabama Senate, the  
16 education system, and throughout the state as a public  
17 servant; he is truly deserving of special commendation and  
18 praise; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Quinton T. Ross, Jr.,  
21 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is  
22 offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation for his  
23 service to the citizens of Alabama, as well as with sincere  
24 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.