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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 COMMENDING SENATOR HENRY "HANK" SANDERS FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE
10 OF ALABAMA.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
13 are herein extended to our good friend and colleague, the
14 Honorable Henry "Hank" Sanders, for outstanding professional
15 achievement and service to the citizens of the State of
16 Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Hank Sanders, elected to the
18 Alabama State Senate in 1983, champions issues affecting
19 education, children, health care, women, tax reform,
20 constitutional reform, and more; and

21 WHEREAS, for 16 years, he served as Chairman of the
22 Finance and Taxation Education Committee, which handles the
23 multi-billion dollar state education budget; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders has served in the Alabama
25 Senate for three decades and received many awards and
26 recognitions, including being named "Legislator of the Year"

1 by various organizations and induction into the African Walk
2 of Fame in Durban, South Africa; and

3 WHEREAS, he writes a weekly column entitled "Senate
4 Sketches," which is published in various newspapers, on the
5 Internet, and in other publications; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Talladega College;
7 earned a special scholarship to attend Boston College; and
8 earned his Law Degree from Harvard Law School; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders was awarded a Ford
10 Foundation Fellowship that sent him to Africa for a year and a
11 Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship that sent him to Huntsville,
12 Alabama, to work for the poor with the Madison County Legal
13 Aid Society; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1971, Senator Sanders began what became
15 Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders, Pettway and Campbell, LLC, which
16 at the time, was the largest Black law firm in Alabama and one
17 of the ten largest in the country; and

18 WHEREAS, Sanders' practice was one of service;
19 helping poor and Black people save their lands, protecting
20 people's constitutional rights, challenging corporate abuse
21 and helping build strong governments to serve all people; and

22 WHEREAS, he has helped found and build many
23 organizations and institutions, including the Alabama New
24 South Coalition, where he is currently President Emeritus;
25 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement; the National Voting
26 Rights Museum and Institute; the Slavery and Civil War Museum;
27 and the Bridge Crossing Jubilee; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders has a self-published book
2 entitled, "Take a Walk in My Shoes", which is a compilation of
3 several Senate Sketches; in 2004, he published his first
4 novel, "Death of a Fat Man"; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Henry "Hank" Sanders
7 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
8 offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation for his
9 immeasurable service, as well as with sincere best wishes for
10 continued success in all future endeavors.