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3 By Representatives Gaston, Jones (S), Simpson, McMillan,
4 Lovvorn, Wilcox, Shiver, Bracy, Drummond, Clarke, Stringer,
5 Brown (C), Faust and Baker
6 RFD: Rules
7 First Read: 21-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING MR. WILLIAM J. FULFORD, III, FOR
4 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.
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6 WHEREAS, we seek to recognize exceptional
7 administrators who have devoted a substantial part of their
8 careers to serving others and who have distinguished
9 themselves through their professional contributions; and

10 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
11 presented to Mr. William J. "Happy" Fulford, III, who
12 faithfully and honorably served The University of South
13 Alabama during his career that spanned nearly 38 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford earned two degrees from The
15 University of South Alabama, a Bachelor of Science in
16 Marketing in 1972, and a Master of Education in Educational
17 Leadership in 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, he began working at The University of South
19 Alabama as its first Director of Alumni Affairs in 1981; he
20 also served as the university's first Director of Development
21 and its first Executive Director of Governmental Relations,
22 the position from which he is retiring; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford was successful in advocating
24 for higher education, and especially for The University of
25 South Alabama, due to his longstanding relationships,

1 institutional knowledge, and straightforward and honest
2 approach; and

3 WHEREAS, as a first-generation college student, he
4 understood the lasting impact of higher education and was a
5 founding member of the Higher Education Partnership, an
6 organization that represents Alabama's four-year public
7 universities; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford served his country in the
9 United States Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel, and having
10 been a commander of the 482nd Replacement Detachment and the
11 1184th Transportation Terminal Battalion; also, he is a
12 veteran of Desert Storm; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford's experience and leadership are
14 indeed worthy of special recognition; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we acknowledge and commend Mr.
17 William J. Fulford, III, for his dedicated service to The
18 University of South Alabama, his state, and his country; we
19 bestow hearty congratulations upon his well-earned retirement,
20 and we extend best wishes to him and his family for continued
21 success, happiness, and good health in all future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 04-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted