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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
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8 COMMENDING MR. WILLIAM J. FULFORD, III, FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, we seek to recognize exceptional
12 administrators who have devoted a substantial part of their
13 careers to serving others and who have distinguished
14 themselves through their professional contributions; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford earned two degrees from The
20 University of South Alabama, a Bachelor of Science in
21 Marketing in 1972, and a Master of Education in Educational
22 Leadership in 1993; and

23 WHEREAS, he began working at The University of South
24 Alabama as its first Director of Alumni Affairs in 1981; he
25 also served as the university's first Director of Development
26 and its first Executive Director of Governmental Relations,
27 the position from which he is retiring; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford was successful in advocating
2 for higher education, and especially for The University of
3 South Alabama, due to his longstanding relationships,
4 institutional knowledge, and straightforward and honest
5 approach; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulford served his country in the
12 United States Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel, and having
13 been a commander of the 482nd Replacement Detachment and the
14 1184th Transportation Terminal Battalion; also, he is a
15 veteran of Desert Storm; and

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

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