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3 By Representatives Sanderford and Hall  
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8 COMMENDING SUSAN MARKHAM FOR SERVING THE  
9 HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 33 YEARS.

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11 WHEREAS, with immense pride and special pleasure, we  
12 recognize and commend Susan Markham for serving the  
13 Huntsville-Madison County Public Library for 33 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Markham moved to Huntsville, Alabama,  
15 at only six months of age as part of a military family; she  
16 grew up in Northwest Huntsville and earned her diploma from  
17 Johnson High School; she is a graduate of The University of  
18 Alabama, holding a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree and  
19 a Master in Library Science Degree; and

20 WHEREAS, she joined the Huntsville-Madison County  
21 Public Library in 1986 as an Outreach Librarian; she has made  
22 numerous lasting accomplishments during her 33-year tenure,  
23 including overseeing the opening of eight branches, the  
24 expansion and renovations of seven branches, the upgrading of  
25 the Bookmobile, and the establishing of the Ready Reader  
26 Program as the Associate Director of Extension and Outreach  
27 Services; she also opened a library at the Neaves-Davis Center

1 juvenile detention home in 1991 as part of a grant award  
2 through the Library Services and Technology Act; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2015, Mrs. Markham was promoted to  
4 Director of Institutional Advancement; as the Director of  
5 Institutional Advancement, she oversaw the opening of two new  
6 branches, Madison and Cavalry Hill, and the fund-raising for  
7 three multimillion dollar capital campaigns, the largest in  
8 the history of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, she and her husband of 41 years, Gary  
11 Markham, have two grown sons, Drew and Cole, and a  
12 three-year-old grandson, Mason; and

13 WHEREAS, after 33 years of committed service, Mrs.  
14 Markham is retiring as the Director of Institutional  
15 Advancement for the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library,  
16 and she has graciously served, assisted, and inspired many  
17 during her tenure; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we extend warmest  
20 commendations to Susan Markham, and we hereby dedicate this  
21 resolution to her in utmost gratitude and admiration, along  
22 with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
23 endeavors.