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3 By Senators Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 06-APR-21

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4 ENROLLED, SJR85,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR CAM WARD FOR DISTINGUISHED
6 SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020, Senator Cam Ward of
9 Alabaster, Alabama, continued his public service by assuming
10 the role of Director of the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles,
11 thus ending his tenure in the Legislature of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, Cam Ward, born in Milton, Florida, began
13 his career in public service when he volunteered to serve as
14 member of the first-ever student government association
15 created at his middle school; he subsequently served two terms
16 as President of the Student Government Association of Troy
17 University, which he attended on a Leadership Scholarship and
18 from which he graduated as a member of multiple honor
19 societies; and

20 WHEREAS, Cam Ward studied law at the Cumberland
21 School of Law at Samford University, with a particular focus
22 on Constitutional, Corporate, and Criminal Law; this diligent
23 study would benefit him throughout his career, as he was named
24 Cumberland Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, after serving as a Deputy Attorney General
2 under Attorney General Bill Pryor, Assistant Secretary of
3 State for election laws and corporate filings, and District
4 Director for Congressman Spencer Bachus, Cam Ward was selected
5 for a Marshall Memorial fellowship in Europe, where he
6 observed the democratic process at several European capitols;
7 his international political experience also includes service
8 on the Spain-U.S. Council and the American Council of Young
9 Political Leaders; and

10 WHEREAS, after returning home to Shelby County to
11 practice law in 2001, Cam Ward helped lead the economic
12 development efforts of Alabaster, prior to his election to the
13 House of Representatives in 2002; after serving two terms in
14 the House, Cam Ward won election to the Senate in 2010; he
15 served as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee for nine
16 years, and President of the Alabama Law Institute for 10
17 years; and

18 WHEREAS, during his terms of office in the Alabama
19 Legislature, Cam Ward leveraged his deep understanding of the
20 democratic process and reached across every aisle necessary to
21 achieve meaningful progress for the peoples of Alabama in the
22 areas of economic growth, ethics laws, and criminal justice,
23 earning a well-deserved reputation as a true statesman and a
24 scholar; and

1 WHEREAS, Cam Ward has been recognized for his
2 service to the State of Alabama and the nation as a whole; in
3 addition to earning national marks for his efforts in
4 reforming Alabama's criminal justice system, he was recognized
5 in 2009 by Easter Seals of America as Elected Official of the
6 Year and in 2017 as an Autism Speaks National Legislator of
7 the Year; further, in 2017, Cam Ward joined the Faith and
8 Justice Fellowship of the national Prison Fellowship; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his dedicated public service to
10 the peoples of Alabama and the nation, Cam Ward has treasured
11 his most important roles, that of husband to his wife, the
12 former Lindsey Clements, and father to their daughters, Riley
13 and Clements; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Cam Ward deserves the
16 highest commendations and deepest thanks for his dedicated
17 service in the Legislature, and for his innumerable other
18 contributions to the welfare of the state and its peoples.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be delivered to Senator Cam Ward as a small token
21 of the debt that is owed to this true statesman, and as a
22 symbol of best wishes in his next chapter of public service.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 13-APR-21

By: Senator Whatley