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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
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8 COMMENDING SENATOR CAM WARD FOR DISTINGUISHED
9 SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA.
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11 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020, Senator Cam Ward of
12 Alabaster, Alabama, continued his public service by assuming
13 the role of Director of the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles,
14 thus ending his tenure in the Legislature of Alabama; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Cam Ward studied law at the Cumberland
24 School of Law at Samford University, with a particular focus
25 on Constitutional, Corporate, and Criminal Law; this diligent
26 study would benefit him throughout his career, as he was named
27 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

25 WHEREAS, Cam Ward has been recognized for his
26 service to the State of Alabama and the nation as a whole; in
27 addition to earning national marks for his efforts in

1 reforming Alabama's criminal justice system, he was recognized
2 in 2009 by Easter Seals of America as Elected Official of the
3 Year and in 2017 as an Autism Speaks National Legislator of
4 the Year; further, in 2017, Cam Ward joined the Faith and
5 Justice Fellowship of the national Prison Fellowship; and

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

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

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