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3 By Representatives Clarke, Gaston, Wilcox, Pringle, Drummond,
4 Jones (S), Bracy, Simpson, Brown (C) and Stringer
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 08-MAR-22

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. BERNARD H. EICHOLD, II FOR 31 YEARS
4 OF COMMITTED SERVICE.

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6 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
7 highly commend Dr. Bernard H. "Bert" Eichold, II for 31 years
8 of committed service as the Health Officer for Mobile County
9 and as the Area Health Officer for the Public Health District
10 of Mobile County for the State of Alabama Department of Public
11 Health; and

12 WHEREAS, born on November 15, 1950, in Mobile,
13 Alabama, Dr. Eichold is a retired Navy Captain and is the
14 longest-serving Health Officer in Mobile County history;
15 diligently serving as Health Officer from 1990 to 2022, he was
16 responsible for safeguarding the public's health and the
17 environment for all of Mobile County; he has academic
18 appointments with The University of South Alabama as an
19 Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medicine, where he has
20 served as the Co-Course Director of Public Health and
21 Epidemiology; he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from
22 Tulane University in June 1975, a Master of Public Health
23 Degree from Tulane University's School of Public Health and
24 Tropical Medicine in December 1978, a Doctor of Medicine
25 Degree from Tulane University's School of Medicine in June

1 1979, and a Doctor of Public Health Degree from Tulane
2 University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in
3 August 1980; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold has served in numerous
5 capacities over the decades, such as the Alabama Public Health
6 Association, where he began serving in 1990 and has held the
7 titles of Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, Chairman
8 of the Program Committee, Vice President, President Elect,
9 President, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and Chairman
10 of the Long Range Planning Committee; he has also earned many
11 honors and awards over the years, including, but not limited
12 to, being named Flotilla Deputy of the Year by the Mobile
13 County Sheriff's Flotilla in 2009 and 2011, receiving the
14 Exceptional Public Achievement Medal from NASA in 2012, being
15 named Mobilian of the Year by the Cottage Hill Civitan Club in
16 2012, being named to the Alabama Public Health Care
17 Association's Hall of Fame in 2016, receiving the Outstanding
18 Alumni Award from Tulane University's School of Public Health
19 and Tropical Medicine in 2018, and receiving the Laureate
20 Award from the Alabama Chapter of the American College of
21 Physicians in 2018; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold delayed his retirement for six
23 months to continue leading MCDH through the height of the
24 COVID-19 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold's hobbies include flying,
2 sailing, scuba diving, playing tennis, hunting, and fishing;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Carolyn Maxwell Delchamps,
5 have three children; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold has served with integrity,
7 passion, selflessness, and dedication over the last 31 years,
8 making him an immensely inspirational leader; loved and
9 appreciated by many, he continues to positively impact
10 numerous lives; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Bernard H. "Bert" Eichold,
13 II is highly commended for dedicating 31 years of service to
14 Mobile County, Alabama, and to the State of Alabama as a
15 whole, and this resolution hereby serves as a tribute to him
16 with utmost gratitude and admiration, along with sincere best
17 wishes for continued happiness and success during his
18 retirement.

