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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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8 COMMENDING DR. BERNARD H. EICHOLD, II FOR 31 YEARS  
9 OF COMMITTED SERVICE.  
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11 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we  
12 highly commend Dr. Bernard H. "Bert" Eichold, II for 31 years  
13 of committed service as the Health Officer for Mobile County  
14 and as the Area Health Officer for the Public Health District  
15 of Mobile County for the State of Alabama Department of Public  
16 Health; and

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

1 Degree from Tulane University's School of Public Health and  
2 Tropical Medicine in December 1978, a Doctor of Medicine  
3 Degree from Tulane University's School of Medicine in June  
4 1979, and a Doctor of Public Health Degree from Tulane  
5 University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in  
6 August 1980; and

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

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold delayed his retirement for six  
26 months to continue leading MCDH through the height of the  
27 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.