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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Hall, Reynolds, Ball, Smith,  
4 Whorton, Whitt and Daniels  
5 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD SANDERFORD FOR HIS  
4 MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.  
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6           WHEREAS, Mr. Howard Sanderford will soon conclude a  
7 lengthy and illustrious tenure in the House of  
8 Representatives, where he has represented his fellow residents  
9 of Huntsville and Madison County for over 30 years; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Sanderford was born on October 18,  
11 1935, in Meridian, Mississippi; he earned his Bachelor of  
12 Science in Accounting from Mississippi State University, where  
13 he was active in student government; after serving as an  
14 officer in the United States Marine Corps, where he  
15 participated in the Beirut, Lebanon landing of 1958, he moved  
16 to Alabama and began a business career in the information  
17 technology sector, serving as an executive with IBM in  
18 Huntsville until his "first retirement" in 1987; that  
19 retirement did not last long, as he soon thereafter founded  
20 Computer Leasing Company, Inc., of Huntsville, and still  
21 serves as its president; and

22           WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Sanderford won a special  
23 election to represent the 20th District in the House of  
24 Representatives of the Legislature of Alabama, a post he  
25 treasures and has performed admirably in; and

1           WHEREAS, during his tenure in the House of  
2 Representatives, Mr. Sanderford has served in a multitude of  
3 capacities, including, but certainly not limited to: Chairman  
4 of the House Boards, Agencies, and Commissions Committee;  
5 Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee; Chair of  
6 the Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement;  
7 member of the Alabama Space Authority, and point man for the  
8 annual NASA Day at the State House; longtime member of the  
9 House Constitution, Campaign, and Elections Committee; and  
10 member of the Internal Affairs Committee, the House Technology  
11 and Research Committee, and the Madison County Legislation  
12 Committee;

13           WHEREAS, in his years as Chairman of the House  
14 Boards, Agencies, and Commissions Committee, Mr. Sanderford  
15 took special care to maintain the effectiveness and financial  
16 independence of the regulatory agencies of the state; as  
17 example, Mr. Sanderford sponsored legislation allowing the  
18 Home Builders Licensure Board to redistribute its funding, a  
19 move that directly resulted in that board constructing its  
20 current facility; the leadership provided by individuals such  
21 as Mr. Sanderford has led to the Home Builders Licensure Board  
22 and the other state agencies that safeguard our professions  
23 and livelihoods today; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Sanderford's service to the State of  
25 Alabama and its peoples extends beyond the titles he holds

1 within the State House; he has served on the executive board  
2 of the Southern Legislative Conference for more than 30 years;  
3 he serves on the executive committee of the Southern States  
4 Energy Board; he served for seven years as the Chairman of the  
5 Madison County Republican Executive Committee, before the  
6 Republicans were quite as politically popular in the state; he  
7 is also a member of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Board of  
8 Directors, past President of the Huntsville Rotary Club, past  
9 Chair and member of the Volunteers of America of North Alabama  
10 Board, past Vice President of the Metropolitan YMCA Board,  
11 past Boy Scout Creek District Finance Chairman, and past  
12 Co-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Free Enterprise  
13 Committee; he also served in the United Way Corporate Giving  
14 Program and the Alabama Management Improvement Program, as  
15 well as the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of World  
16 Wars, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 237,  
17 and the Military Officers Association of America; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanderford's proudest accomplishments  
19 may be the large and beautiful family he has reared with his  
20 dear wife, Dot, who must be considered one of Alabama's grand  
21 dames and is surely the great woman behind this great man; Mr.  
22 Sanderford and his wife have three daughters, four  
23 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and a  
24 step-great-grandson; and

1           WHEREAS, this body finds it necessary and proper to  
2 recount, with great thanks, the manyfold accomplishments and  
3 sacrifices of this former deacon, committee chairman, youth  
4 Sunday school teacher, and church director as he departs from  
5 the Sunset Committee and instead rides into the sunset; now  
6 therefore,

7           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Howard Sanderford is  
9 commended in the highest manner for his many years of  
10 dedicated service to the Legislature of Alabama, to the state,  
11 and to its peoples.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body hereby  
13 requests that the Home Builders Licensure Board dedicate its  
14 facility in honor of Mr. Howard Sanderford, in recognition of  
15 his accomplishments in the area of boards, agencies, and  
16 commissions, and in recognition of his direct role in the  
17 construction of that facility.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
19 resolution be presented to Mr. Howard Sanderford as a mere  
20 token of our endless thanks, along with our best wishes for  
21 his future endeavors.

