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3 By Senators Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,  
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures,  
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams  
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8 COMMENDING SENATOR PRISCILLA DUNN ON HER RETIREMENT  
9 AND YEARS OF SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, with the conclusion of the 2019-2022  
12 quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Senator Priscilla  
13 Dunn will end a lengthy and accomplished tenure in the state's  
14 legislative body; this body wishes to recount her accolades  
15 and experiences on this occasion of her forthcoming  
16 retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Dunn graduated from J.S. Abrams  
18 High School in 1961, and was named the first Miss Abrams Queen  
19 for both her brains and her beauty; after earning a Bachelor  
20 of Science Degree in Education at Alabama State University in  
21 Montgomery, Alabama, Senator Dunn earned a Master's Degree in  
22 Education from the University of Montevallo; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Dunn spent 29 years educating this  
24 state's youth in the Bessemer City School System, and has been  
25 named the "Teacher of the Year" more times than she will  
26 humbly admit; the impact she made on each and every one of her

1 students is reflected in the progress made by the generations  
2 she educated; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Dunn was first elected to the House  
4 of Representatives in 1998, and served in that chamber until  
5 her election to the Senate in 2008; while in the House of  
6 Representatives, she was named "Legislator of the Year" twice;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, while in the Legislature, Senator Dunn  
9 served on the Senate County and Municipal Government  
10 Committee, the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund  
11 Committee, the Senate Fiscal Responsibility and Economic  
12 Development Committee, the Senate Governmental Affairs  
13 Committee, and the Senate Jefferson County Local Legislation  
14 Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, outside of the State House, Senator Dunn  
16 served her community in manyfold ways: Trustee and Sunday  
17 school teacher at Shady Grove Baptist Church; member of the  
18 Board of Directors of the Bessemer Civic Center; President of  
19 the Humanistic Challengers Federated Club; Secretary of Girls,  
20 Inc., of Central Alabama; Instructor at the Jefferson County  
21 District Congress of Christian Education; Founder, holder of  
22 many various officer positions, and longtime President of the  
23 Concerned Citizens of Bessemer Cut-Off; Coordinator of the  
24 Jefferson County Democratic Conference; member of the  
25 Jefferson/Shelby Counties American Cancer Society Advisory  
26 Board; and Democratic State Convention Delegate in 2000, 2004,  
27 and 2008; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Dunn's proudest roles are that of  
2 wife to beloved husband Grover Dunn, retired high school  
3 principal and assistant tax collector; mother to daughter  
4 Karen Dunn Burks, Circuit Clerk of the Bessemer Division, and  
5 her husband, Eric S. Burks, Assistant Tax Collector of  
6 Jefferson County; and grandmother to grandson Grover Blake  
7 Burks, successful accountant residing in Dunwoody, Georgia,  
8 and grandson Frederick Brock Burks, talented musician at the  
9 University of Alabama, majoring in Jazz Studies and Pre-Med;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, as this retired teacher, church trustee,  
12 Sunday school teacher, civic leader, daughter, mother, and  
13 state legislator makes her exit from the State House, this  
14 body wishes her nothing but success in all her future  
15 endeavors, but prays that she finds time to rest and  
16 appreciate the fruits of her many labors; now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Priscilla Dunn is  
19 hereby commended for her years of service to the State of  
20 Alabama and its denizens, on this occasion of her retirement;  
21 and that a copy of this resolution be presented to her as a  
22 small token of our immense esteem and endless gratitude.