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3 By Senators Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield,
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,
8 Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 06-APR-22

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4 ENROLLED, SJR113,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR JIM MCCLENDON ON HIS RETIREMENT
6 AND YEARS OF SERVICE.

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8 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 2019-2022
9 quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Senator Jim
10 McClendon of Springville, Alabama, will end his tenure in the
11 Alabama State House; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator McClendon attended
13 Birmingham-Southern College for his undergraduate studies and
14 earned his doctorate from the University of Houston; he served
15 in the Navy Medical Service Corps during the Vietnam War,
16 before teaching clinical optometry at the University of
17 Alabama at Birmingham; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator McClendon was first elected to
19 represent District 50 in the Alabama House of Representatives
20 in 2002; following his election to the Senate in 2014, Senator
21 McClendon served on the Senate Finance and Taxation Education
22 Committee, the Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee,
23 the Finances and Budget Committee, the Senate Rules Committee,
24 the Senate Education Policy Committee, the Transportation and
25 Energy Committee, the Education and Youth Affairs Committee,

1 the Shelby County Local Legislation Committee, has chaired the
2 Healthcare Committee and served as vice chair of the Health
3 and Human Service Committee, and has led redistricting efforts
4 in both the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator McClendon is past president of the
6 Alabama Optometric Association; a former board member of St.
7 Anne's Home, a residential treatment program; and a past
8 member of the Jefferson County Planning Commission; he was a
9 founding director of the Davis Lake Fire Department, and
10 serves the First United Methodist Church of Springville in
11 several roles; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator McClendon is married to the former
13 Ellen Tate of Arab, who has supported him throughout his years
14 of service; they live together on the family farm in St. Clair
15 Springs, and enjoy time with their daughter, Lara, and
16 granddaughter, Natalie; and

17 WHEREAS, when he is not fishing for votes, Senator
18 McClendon loves to play the fisherman; he and his wife share a
19 passion for trawling the waters of the state, and beyond;
20 these lovebird anglers spent their honeymoon in the Amazon
21 fishing for peacock bass; we pray that his impending
22 retirement will offer him many chances to toss a line out in
23 the water; and

24 WHEREAS, smart and quick-witted, seasoned and
25 educated, and always willing to take a gamble on gaming

1 legislation, Senator McClendon will be missed by his
2 colleagues in both chambers for his medical and practical
3 expertise, his calm demeanor, and his ability to give - and to
4 take - a joke; indeed, this distinguished senator-optometrist
5 would never comment on the speck in his brother's eye without
6 first putting a plank in front of their other eye and asking
7 them, "Which is better, one or two?"; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Jim McClendon is
10 hereby commended for his many years of service to the State of
11 Alabama and its peoples; and that a copy of this resolution be
12 presented to him as a token of our high esteem and great
13 thanks.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 07-APR-22

By: Senator Reed