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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, McClendon,  
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

COMMENDING SENATOR DEL MARSH ON HIS RETIREMENT AND  
YEARS OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, with the conclusion of the 2019-2022  
quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Senator Del Marsh  
will end an accomplished legislative career spanning over two  
decades; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marsh first won election to  
represent the 12th Senate District in the Alabama Senate in  
1998, and has been reelected to that office five times; in  
2010, he was chosen as President Pro Tempore of the Alabama  
Senate, an office he held until last year; when a vacancy  
occurred in the office of Lieutenant Governor following  
succession of Governor Kay Ivey to her current position in  
2017, Senator Marsh presided over the Senate for two years;  
and

WHEREAS, just as anyone who knows Senator Marsh can  
confirm, sitting on the chair as presiding officer of the  
Senate was not for him; the "honey badger" of the State House  
needed to work the floor, sniff for votes, and claw his way to

1 bill passage; he felt that the chair sometimes got in his way;  
2 as such, he stepped down from his post as President Pro  
3 Tempore, in order to re-enter the fray; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Marsh treasures his wife, Ginger,  
5 and is father to two wonderful children: Justin, married to  
6 wife Carolyne; and Christine, married to husband Wil; Senator  
7 Marsh also has six grandchildren whom he loves dearly; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Marsh's wife, Ginger, is a public  
9 school educator, and his children are products of the public  
10 education system; as such, Senator Marsh has championed the  
11 cause of public education throughout his Senate career; one of  
12 the highlights of his legislative portfolio is the Alabama  
13 Accountability Act, to ensure proper use of education  
14 resources and to provide for more school choice in Alabama; he  
15 has continued to fight for this cause during his final days  
16 serving in the Senate chamber; indeed, the State House's own  
17 "honey badger" has duly earned that maverick reputation  
18 through his perseverance and tenacity in advocating for his  
19 legislative proposals; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to serving ex officio on every  
21 Senate committee during his tenure as President of the Senate,  
22 Senator Marsh has lent his judgment and expertise to all of  
23 the following Senate standing committees: the Judiciary  
24 Committee; the Finance and Taxation, Education Committee; the  
25 Local Legislation Committee; the Governmental Affairs  
26 Committee; and the Tourism Committee, as chair, as well as the  
27 former Tourism and Marketing Committee, also as chair;

1        additionally, he has served on the Permanent Joint Legislative  
2        Advisory Committee on Economic Incentives; and

3                WHEREAS, for all these reasons recounted within this  
4        resolution and countless more, this body will miss Senator  
5        Marsh following his departure, and wishes him the best in all  
6        his future endeavors; now therefore,

7                BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8        HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Del Marsh is hereby  
9        commended in the highest manner for his exemplary service to  
10       the Legislature of Alabama, the State of Alabama, and all of  
11       its citizens; and that a copy of this resolution be presented  
12       to him as a token of our endless thanks and the immense esteem  
13       in which he is regarded.