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3 By Senators Weaver, Butler, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot,  
4 Beasley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,  
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,  
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,  
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Whatley and Williams  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR61,

5 HONORING TOM WALKER ON HIS SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN  
6 VILLAGE.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein presented  
9 to Mr. Tom Walker for outstanding service to the American  
10 Village; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom Walker is the Founder and President of  
12 the American Village, chartered in 1995; in the late 1980s, he  
13 conceived the idea of the American Village to be an American  
14 history and civics educational campus to inspire and prepare  
15 young people for their roles as good citizens and leaders; he  
16 led efforts to build the 188-acre campus just south of  
17 Birmingham, Alabama, in Montevallo, and to design and  
18 implement its widely acclaimed and engaging history and civics  
19 programs; the campus has served over three-quarters of a  
20 million students from throughout the Southeastern United  
21 States since its opening and draws thousands of visitors each  
22 year; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2017, Tom Walker was one of only sixteen  
24 citizens appointed by Congressional leaders to the United  
25 States Semiquincentennial Commission; the commission is

1 responsible for leading the Nation's 250th birthday  
2 celebration and commemoration of American Independence in  
3 2026; he was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the national  
4 commission at its first meeting in Philadelphia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker earned his Bachelor of Arts  
6 Degree with honors in History and Political Science at the  
7 University of Montevallo and his Master of Arts in Political  
8 Science at Mississippi State University; and

9 WHEREAS, in December 2020, Mr. Walker was conferred  
10 the Honorary Doctor of Laws by Troy University; he has  
11 received numerous other honors; he is a past recipient of the  
12 American Bar Association's highest national award for  
13 excellence in K-12 law-related education; he is the recipient  
14 of the DAR Medal of Honor and the SAR Gold Citizenship Medal,  
15 the highest national honors awarded by the National Societies  
16 of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Sons of  
17 the American Revolution, respectively; he has received  
18 numerous other state, regional, and national awards and was  
19 named as "Birmingham Citizen of the Year" by The Women's  
20 Committee of Birmingham; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is the former City Manager of  
22 Northport, Alabama, and formerly served as Special Assistant  
23 to the President of the University of Montevallo; he is the  
24 former Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University  
25 of Montevallo and was the founding chair of the Alabama Higher

1 Education Partnership; Mr. Walker is both a writer and  
2 frequent speaker; he advocates teaching American history,  
3 government, and civic engagement as a vital part of an  
4 American education for students; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is married to the former Betty  
6 Ann Driver of Montgomery and they have three adult children  
7 and one grandson; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Tom Walker is highly  
10 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
11 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
12 best wishes for all future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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.

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 10-MAR-22

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By: Senator Weaver