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HJR_____ COMMENDING MARTIN FRANKLIN CASKEY FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to Martin Franklin Caskey in recognition of his exemplary record of achievement and service to the Alabama Legislature and the citizens of the State of Alabama during a distinguished professional career with the Legislative Services Agency, formerly the Legislative Reference Service; and

WHEREAS, Frank Caskey began his legislative career in 1970 when, while still a senior at Lanier High School, he worked as a clerk for Senator James B. Allen in Washington, D.C.; he continued the clerkship while he was a freshman at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Frank Caskey continued his higher education at Auburn University where he worked in a cooperative education program as a legislative aide with the Alabama Legislature; he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1974, earning membership in the prestigious honor society of Phi Kappa Phi; and

WHEREAS, commencing in June 1974 until December 1979, Frank worked as a legislative analyst with the Alabama Legislative Reference Service; he joined other attorneys in the historic State Capitol building, drafting and



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29 researching for this august body in a single large room with
30 desks abutting and multiple conversations transpiring; he
31 continued this work while working toward his Juris Doctor,
32 which he earned from The University of Alabama in 1978; and

33 WHEREAS, taking a break from the legislative arena,
34 Frank pursued a successful private practice from 1980
35 through 1987; he then joined and worked as an attorney with
36 the law firm of Capouano, Wampold, Prestwood and Sansone in
37 1988; beginning in 1990, he briefly served as legal counsel
38 for the Alabama State Employees Association before returning
39 to the legislative work he truly loved at the State House;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, Frank returned to the Legislative Reference
42 Service in 1992, bringing a much-needed knowledge of private
43 practice and court room experience to the agency; he
44 utilized his expertise to provide a perspective that
45 differed from his colleagues, offering a diverse skill set
46 and sense of balance to the drafting team; through the
47 years, he has made valued contributions to the legislative
48 process and public administration; his practical and
49 analytical approach to complex legal and constitutional
50 issues, coupled with his legal knowledge and vast experience
51 in all facets of state and local government, has been an
52 instrumental component in his immeasurable success as a
53 respected advisor to members and others in the legislative
54 community and beyond; and

55 WHEREAS, throughout his employment with the
56 Legislative Services Agency, he has developed expertise



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57 across the broad spectrum of lawmaking; his areas of robust
58 knowledge include local laws, administrative procedure,
59 conservation and natural resources, taxation, economic and
60 industrial development, reapportionment, environmental law,
61 and constitutional and legislative issues, just to name a
62 few; Frank's bright and far-ranging field of enlightenment
63 is evident by the vast number of existing statutes crafted
64 by his measured hand; and

65 WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the
66 Legislature, Frank served as an adjunct professor teaching
67 administrative law at the Jones School of Law and The
68 University of Alabama School of Law for over 20 years; even
69 when his tenure as a teacher ended, he continued to provide
70 vital mentorship and support for students and young
71 attorneys; and

72 WHEREAS, a steadfast presence to his colleagues in
73 the midst of legislative chaos, coworkers who have shared
74 the back halls of the birthplace of legislation with Frank
75 will forever appreciate his innate ability to remember
76 previous legislation, by date and member, all while
77 articulately spinning an original solution to a troubling
78 legal problem; his institutional knowledge of the
79 Legislature is unmatched; his counsel is highly regarded by
80 legislators, lobbyists, and fellow attorneys alike; and

81 WHEREAS, Frank Caskey unquestionably represents
82 excellence, intelligence, and unwavering commitment to the
83 duties he professionally and proficiently performed on a
84 daily basis; his abilities, vast knowledge, memory, tireless



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85 work, dedication, and especially his loyalty will be greatly
86 missed; and

87 WHEREAS, Frank freely admits that none of these
88 accomplishments would be possible without the love, support,
89 and constant encouragement of his wife, Mary Alice "MAC";
90 two children, Christina Box and Brian Caskey; grandchildren;
91 and great-grandchildren; and

92 WHEREAS, we wish Frank continued good health,
93 immeasurable happiness, and well-deserved prosperity during
94 his retirement, which he will undoubtedly spend hiking and
95 enjoying the natural beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and
96 beyond; this body knows well that his dedication to public
97 service and the law will not end when he crosses the
98 threshold of the State House, rather, the commendations
99 within this resolution are given with the knowledge that he
100 will continue serving his fellow Alabamians for many days;
101 now therefore,

102 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
103 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
104 outstanding record of professional achievement and dedicated
105 service to the Alabama Legislature and this state, Martin
106 Franklin Caskey is honored and commended, and this
107 resolution is offered to him in highest tribute and deepest
108 appreciation, along with best wishes as he embarks upon his
109 well-deserved retirement.