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3 By Representative Ledbetter
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4 HR_____ COMMENDING JIMMY REX WILBANKS ON BEING THE
5 LONGEST-SERVING EMPLOYEE AT THE DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSE.
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7 WHEREAS, highest commendations are extended to Jimmy
8 Rex Wilbanks for his unwavering commitment to DeKalb County
9 after 49 years of service in the courthouse, making him the
10 longest-serving employee; and

11 WHEREAS, Jimmy graduated Fyffe High School, enrolled
12 at Jacksonville State University, and graduated from there
13 in 1975; the following year, he started his career and
14 became Dekalb County's first Juvenile Probation Officer;
15 over his 49-year tenure, he would rise to the rank of Chief
16 Probation Officer and solidify himself in history as the
17 longest-serving employee in the DeKalb County Courthouse;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbanks is not an idle man, which has
20 been proven through his serving on many boards and in many
21 positions; he served on the first board of directors that
22 helped to establish the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy
23 Center; served as Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer of the
24 Alabama Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Association; and
25 was part of the Alabama State Multi-needs Team on the
26 Department of Youth Services Advisory Board; for 40 years he
27 served on the Board of Directors at Coosa Valley Youth
28 Services, while leading as Chair for the past 10 years; in



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29 1994, he was elected to the DeKalb County Board of Education
30 and served as Vice Chair and Chair; and

31 WHEREAS, in 1983, he received the Gene Jones Memorial
32 Award for Outstanding Juvenile Probation Officer; he also
33 helped start the DeKalb County Day Treatment Program; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbanks has represented selflessness,
35 hard work, and dedication in his 49 years at the DeKalb
36 County Courthouse; he remains an example to all that
37 commitment to one's craft is admirable; now therefore,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
39 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Jimmy Rex Wilbanks is commended
40 and praised for his 49 years of service to the DeKalb County
41 Courthouse and the residents of DeKalb County, and this
42 Legislature thanks him for all he has done, and best wishes
43 are extended to him in all future endeavors.