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3     By Representative Boyd  
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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING SHERIFF MATTHEW WADE FOR HIS SERVICE AND  
5 LEADERSHIP ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.  
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7 WHEREAS, Sheriff Matthew Wade has dedicated his life  
8 to public service, beginning in high school when he joined  
9 the Army Reserve; he completed Basic Training at Ft. Sill,  
10 Oklahoma, and later trained as an Aviation Operations  
11 Specialist at Ft. Rucker, Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1996, he began his law enforcement career  
13 as a correctional officer at the Calhoun County Sheriff's  
14 Office through a Jacksonville State University employment  
15 program; he rose through the ranks as a Deputy Sheriff,  
16 Investigator, Emergency Services Team member, and Chief  
17 Deputy, serving 12 years under Sheriff Larry Amerson; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wade was appointed Sheriff of  
19 Calhoun County in 2016 following Sheriff Amerson's  
20 retirement, and he is now serving his third term, earning  
21 the trust of Calhoun County residents through his steadfast  
22 leadership and integrity; and

23 WHEREAS, he made history as the first deputy from the  
24 Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to graduate from the FBI  
25 National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and further  
26 distinguished himself as the first law enforcement executive  
27 in the nation to complete the Department of Homeland  
28 Security Leadership Academy, FBI National Academy, and



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29 National Sheriff's Institute; and

30 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wade's career is marked by numerous  
31 accolades, a testament to his commitment to justice and  
32 public safety; just this year, Sheriff Wade was named  
33 President of the Alabama Sheriffs Association, a position  
34 earned through the trust and respect of his peers across the  
35 state; his leadership continues to shape the future of law  
36 enforcement in Alabama; and

37 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wade would be quick to mention that  
38 first among his greatest accomplishments is being a loving  
39 husband to his wife and outstanding father to his children;  
40 his dedication to family and community underscores his  
41 character as a servant leader, and we have little doubt that  
42 this servant leadership will continue even as he begins his  
43 well-deserved retirement; now therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
45 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest honors and  
46 commendations be given to Sheriff Matthew Wade for  
47 distinguished service as Sheriff of Calhoun County and for  
48 his many years of exemplary law enforcement service, and we  
49 offer this resolution as a token of our gratitude and as  
50 evidence of our sincerest appreciation and high regard as he  
51 retires from protecting and serving the people of Alabama  
52 and embarks upon his new and exciting endeavor.