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4 HR_____ HONORING AND COMMENDING ROBERT SMITH ON HIS
5 RETIREMENT AND RECOGNIZING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
6 ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, Robert Smith has dedicated more than three
9 decades to the telecommunications industry, beginning his
10 career in 1994 with Time Warner Cable as Director of
11 Customer Service, where his leadership and expertise in
12 customer relations established him as a pillar of the
13 industry; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1999, he transitioned to the role of
15 Director of Public Affairs, where he became the voice of
16 Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks in Birmingham
17 and throughout Alabama, strengthening industry and
18 government connections, promoting technological
19 advancements, and fostering community partnerships; and

20 WHEREAS, following the charter merger with Time
21 Warner Cable and Bright House Networks in 2016, Robert Smith
22 assumed the role of Senior Manager of State Government
23 Affairs, where he oversaw relationships with local franchise
24 authorities, guiding acquisitions, franchise renewals, and
25 compliance efforts to enhance broadband access and
26 infrastructure across Alabama; and

27 WHEREAS, Robert has served as a registered lobbyist,
28 skillfully representing charter communications on state



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29 legislative issues and advocating policies that have
30 expanded connectivity, improved emergency communication
31 networks, and advanced Alabama's digital future; and

32 WHEREAS, his contributions extend beyond his
33 corporate role, serving on the Boards of the Alabama Cable
34 and Broadband Association, Alabama 911, and the Birmingham
35 Business Alliance Government Affairs Committee, where his
36 expertise and advocacy have strengthened public-private
37 partnerships and enhanced industry standards; and

38 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated exceptional civic
39 engagement through his commitment to Sixth Avenue Baptist
40 Church, where he serves as a dedicated member of the Deacon
41 Board, providing spiritual guidance and service to his
42 community; and

43 WHEREAS, Robert has also devoted time and energy to
44 mentoring and community service through his involvement with
45 the Birmingham Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
46 Incorporated, where he has actively supported educational
47 initiatives and outreach programs; and

48 WHEREAS, as Robert embarks on retirement, his legacy
49 of leadership, integrity, and dedication will continue to
50 inspire those in the telecommunications industry, government
51 affairs, and community service; and

52 WHEREAS, his retirement is not simply a conclusion
53 but a new beginning, as he now has the opportunity to enjoy
54 the well-earned rewards of his hard work alongside his wife,
55 Shelia, and their four children, Kamala, Julian, Jordan, and
56 Tyla, who have been steadfast supporters of his journey,



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57 sharing in his triumphs and sacrifices; and

58 WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body, on
59 behalf of the citizens of Alabama, wish to extend our
60 deepest gratitude for his service, our admiration for his
61 accomplishments, and our heartfelt best wishes for a
62 retirement filled with joy, fulfillment, and cherished
63 moments with his loved ones; now therefore,

64 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
65 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we do hereby honor and commend
66 Robert Smith for his distinguished career, express
67 appreciation for his invaluable contributions to the
68 telecommunications industry, government affairs, and
69 community engagement, and extend warm congratulations upon
70 his retirement with best wishes for his future endeavors.