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3 By Senators Hatcher, Stewart, Smitherman, Singleton, Figures,
4 Coleman, Beasley, Coleman-Madison, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot,
5 Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Elliott, Givhan,
6 Gudger, Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson,
7 Orr, Price, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnutt, Stutts, Waggoner,
8 Weaver, Williams

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 04-Mar-25



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4 SJR___ COMMENDING THE HONORABLE JOHNNY HARDWICK ON THE
5 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CIRCUIT JUDGE OF THE FIFTEENTH
6 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

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8 WHEREAS, on the eve of the conclusion of Judge Johnny
9 Hardwick's long and storied career of public service to the
10 State of Alabama as Presiding Montgomery County Circuit
11 Judge, we find it necessary and proper to recount his many
12 accomplishments; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Hardwick was appointed by Governor Don
14 Siegelman to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County on June
15 27, 2001; in 2002, he was elected to a six-year term, and in
16 2008, 2014, and 2020 he was resoundingly re-elected; he has
17 served on the Circuit Court for 24 years and currently
18 serves as Presiding Circuit Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial
19 Circuit; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Hardwick has over 40 years of legal
21 and judicial experience; he spent nearly 20 years in private
22 practice where he represented people and businesses in a
23 broad variety of cases; he has also served as an Assistant
24 United States Attorney, Legal Services Housing Specialist,
25 and a Special Deputy Attorney General for the State of
26 Alabama; and

27 WHEREAS, as an attorney, Judge Hardwick successfully
28 represented many victims, businesses, and organizations; he



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29 also effectively litigated capital murder cases and serious
30 felony matters; and

31 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Judge Johnny Hardwick
32 has earned respect for his outstanding capability,
33 integrity, and tireless dedication; while serving as
34 District Judge, he has presided over complex litigation,
35 including legislative re-apportionment cases, class actions,
36 medical malpractice, products liability, business
37 dissolution, and capital murder cases; and

38 WHEREAS, Judge Hardwick also served as President of
39 the Alabama Association of Circuit Court Judges, which is
40 comprised of 148 judges who sit on the bench within 41
41 circuits of jurisdiction; he previously served as the
42 president-elect and secretary of the association and chaired
43 a number of different committees; and

44 WHEREAS, dedicated to service in the greater
45 Montgomery County Community, Judge Hardwick's numerous
46 involvements include service as former Chairman of the Board
47 of Trustees for the Mount Gillard Baptist Church; President
48 of the Capital City Bar Association; and Vice Chair of the
49 Montgomery County Democratic Conference; he has also
50 maintained membership in many organizations, such as the
51 Montgomery Chapter of the NAACP; the Alpha Psi Omega
52 Dramatics Fraternity; and the Alabama Lawyers Association
53 (NBA Region 11 Affiliate); and

54 WHEREAS, Judge Hardwick is also a life member of the
55 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and a life member
56 of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and



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57 WHEREAS, although Judge Hardwick is retiring from the
58 court, this body knows well that his dedication to public
59 service will not end; rather, the commendations within this
60 resolution are given with the knowledge that he will
61 continue serving his fellow Alabamians and fellow humans for
62 many days to come; now therefore,

63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
64 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Honorable Johnny
65 Hardwick, Montgomery County District Judge, is highly
66 honored and commended for his service to the State of
67 Alabama, and this resolution is offered to him in deepest
68 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes
69 for the future.