

HJR109 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Rigsby, Lomax, Reynolds, Whitt, Moore (P),
4 Whorton, Hall, Daniels
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 10-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 MAC MCCUTCHEON ON HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF
5 ALABAMA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC
6 SERVICE.

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8 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize public servants
9 whose lives exemplify integrity, humility, and an unwavering
10 commitment to serving others; and

11 WHEREAS, the Honorable Mac McCutcheon will retire on
12 March 1, 2026, concluding a lifetime of devoted service to
13 the people of Alabama as a United States Army Veteran, law
14 enforcement officer, Alabama State Representative, Speaker
15 of the Alabama House of Representatives, and Chair of the
16 Madison County Commission, while also faithfully serving his
17 community as a farmer and associate pastor; and

18 WHEREAS, born Chester Clarence McCutcheon on July 15,
19 1952, in Madison County, Alabama, he was reared in the
20 farming community of Toney, where he developed a deep
21 appreciation for hard work, strong values, and a lasting
22 love for the people and the natural beauty of Northern
23 Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, he earned an Associate of Science Degree in
25 Criminal Justice from Calhoun Community College and a
26 Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice
27 Administration from Trinity University; he is also a
28 graduate of the 2023 Army War College; and



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29 WHEREAS, prior to seeking election to public office,
30 Mac McCutcheon dedicated 25 years to the Huntsville Police
31 Department, serving with distinction in roles ranging from
32 hostage negotiation to probation officer; he remains a
33 member of the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of
34 Police, the Alabama Peace Officers' Association, the North
35 Alabama Emmaus Community, and the Huntsville Rotary Club;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, first elected to the Alabama House of
38 Representatives in 2006, he served House District 25,
39 encompassing Madison City, Huntsville, Capshaw, Monrovia,
40 and East Limestone, for 16 years; he quickly emerged as a
41 trusted leader and earned the respect of his colleagues; and
42 in 2012, his influence expanded when he became Chair of the
43 prominent House Rules Committee; and

44 WHEREAS, in 2016, he was elected by his colleagues as
45 Speaker of the Alabama House; he was re-elected in 2019 and
46 concluded his legislative service in 2022, leaving a lasting
47 mark on the institution and the state he served; and

48 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Speaker of the House,
49 Speaker McCutcheon was known as a steady hand of leadership
50 during an otherwise tumultuous political landscape in
51 Alabama politics; known for his commitment to fairness and
52 his respect for the legislative process, he worked to ensure
53 that every member had a voice; and

54 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in advancing major
55 economic development and infrastructure initiatives, most
56 notably the Rebuild Alabama Act of 2019, landmark



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57 legislation that provided long-term funding for the repair
58 and improvement of Alabama's roads and bridges; he also
59 served as Chair of the Joint Transportation Committee and on
60 the board of the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and
61 Improvement Program, overseeing critical state highway
62 projects; and

63 WHEREAS, under his leadership as Speaker, Alabama
64 enacted the largest education budget in state history, which
65 included teacher pay raises and increased funding for school
66 resources, and he helped secure support for school
67 construction in 2020, representing the largest capital
68 improvement investment for Alabama schools in more than a
69 decade; and

70 WHEREAS, as a legislator, he received multiple
71 "Legislative Champion" awards for advancing bills that
72 expanded health care coverage and support for children with
73 autism; he also established an ongoing budget reform task
74 force to promote more sustainable and predictable state
75 financial planning; and

76 WHEREAS, following his retirement from the House of
77 Representatives, Speaker McCutcheon was appointed Madison
78 County Commission Chair by Governor Kay Ivey on January 31,
79 2023, and was subsequently elected to his first full term on
80 November 5, 2024; and

81 WHEREAS, as Chair of the Madison County Commission,
82 Speaker McCutcheon has been widely commended for his
83 leadership in managing rapid population growth, prioritizing
84 critical road and water infrastructure projects, and



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85 initiating plans for a new county criminal justice center;
86 his tenure has emphasized proactive, servant leadership,
87 bringing stability and experience to local government; and

88 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Speaker McCutcheon has
89 remained deeply committed to civic, professional, and
90 faith-based service, generously giving of his time and
91 leadership experience to strengthen his community; and

92 WHEREAS, Mac McCutcheon readily acknowledges that none
93 of these accomplishments would have been possible without
94 the love, support, and constant encouragement of his beloved
95 wife of 55 years, the true "Speaker" of the McCutcheon
96 household, Debbie, whom he married following their high
97 school graduation in 1970; together they are the parents of
98 two children and proud grandparents of four grandchildren;
99 now therefore,

100 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
101 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Chair of the Madison
102 County Commission and former Speaker of the House of
103 Representatives, Mac McCutcheon, is hereby commended for a
104 lifetime of distinguished and exemplary service to the State
105 of Alabama and its people.

106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
107 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Mac McCutcheon as a
108 token of our immense gratitude on the occasion of his
109 retirement.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 17-Feb-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

19-Feb-26

Adopted