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4 Whorton, Hall, Daniels
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4 HJR____ COMMENDING FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES MAC MCCUTCHEON ON HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
6 TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
7 FROM PUBLIC SERVICE.
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9 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize public servants
10 whose lives exemplify integrity, humility, and an unwavering
11 commitment to serving others; and

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

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

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



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graduate of the 2023 Army War College; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in advancing major economic development and infrastructure initiatives, most



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notably the Rebuild Alabama Act of 2019, landmark legislation that provided long-term funding for the repair and improvement of Alabama's roads and bridges; he also served as Chair of the Joint Transportation Committee and on the board of the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, overseeing critical state highway projects; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Madison County Commission, Speaker McCutcheon has been widely commended for his leadership in managing rapid population growth, prioritizing



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critical road and water infrastructure projects, and
initiating plans for a new county criminal justice center;
his tenure has emphasized proactive, servant leadership,
bringing stability and experience to local government; and

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

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

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

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