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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

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28 Security Leadership Academy, FBI National Academy, and
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.