

**SJR119 ENROLLED**



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

9 RFD: Rules

10 First Read: 08-Apr-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING SENATOR THOMAS WAYNE BUTLER ON HIS  
5 ACCOMPLISHED CAREER OF SERVICE.

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7 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein conveyed to  
8 Senator Thomas Wayne "Tom" Butler in recognition of the  
9 vital role he has played in state leadership and his  
10 unwavering personal commitment to the welfare and prosperity  
11 of the residents of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously  
13 devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy  
14 to the betterment of his community and this state, as  
15 dramatically evidenced by his distinguished and lengthy  
16 service in the Alabama State Senate; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Butler was elected in 1994 to  
18 represent the 2nd District of Alabama, encompassing eastern  
19 Limestone County and western Madison County, including the  
20 cities of Athens, Huntsville, and Madison; and

21 WHEREAS, prior to his tenure in the Alabama Senate,  
22 he honorably served as a member of the Alabama House of  
23 Representatives from 1982 to 1994, initially representing  
24 District 17 (1982-1983) and thereafter District 6 for the  
25 remainder of his legislative service in that chamber; and

26 WHEREAS, a native of Huntsville, Senator Butler is a  
27 graduate of The University of Alabama and Auburn University;  
28 a pharmacist and health underwriter by profession, he is



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29 also an active member of Optimist International, the North  
30 Alabama Health Underwriters Association, and the Alabama  
31 Pharmaceutical Association; and

32 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career in both  
33 the House of Representatives and the Senate, his legislative  
34 accomplishments have spanned a broad spectrum of public  
35 policy, including his championship of major infrastructure  
36 initiatives; he played an instrumental role in securing the  
37 \$92 million U.S. 72 widening project for his district and in  
38 advocating for the four-laning of Alabama 53 from Huntsville  
39 to the Tennessee state line; he also worked to secure \$7  
40 million in funding for a replacement Saturn IB rocket at the  
41 Alabama Welcome Center in Ardmore; and

42 WHEREAS, his steadfast conservative leadership has  
43 helped guide Madison and Limestone Counties to new heights  
44 of growth and opportunity; a true working legislator, he  
45 authored and sponsored the BRAC Education Bill, which  
46 brought \$175 million to local schools, and he authored the  
47 legislation that enabled the City of Madison to establish  
48 its own school system; he also secured funding for The  
49 University of Alabama in Huntsville Applied Sciences Center  
50 and the National Space Science and Technology Center; and

51 WHEREAS, a staunch advocate for Alabama's veterans,  
52 Senator Butler sponsored legislation to construct state  
53 veterans' nursing homes in Huntsville and Bay Minette, and  
54 successfully secured funding for the Veterans Museum and  
55 Archives in Athens, as well as for the Alabama Veterans'  
56 Assistance Fund; and



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57           WHEREAS, drawing upon his professional expertise as a  
58 pharmacist, Senator Butler authored and secured funding for  
59 legislation placing automated external defibrillators (AEDs)  
60 in schools, government buildings, and volunteer fire  
61 departments statewide; he also sponsored "right to choose"  
62 legislation to ensure patients could select their own  
63 pharmacy and worked diligently to reduce the cost of  
64 prescription medications for Alabama families; and

65           WHEREAS, Senator Butler served with distinction on  
66 numerous House and Senate committees, including as Chair of  
67 the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and as a member  
68 of the Finance and Taxation, Fiscal Responsibility and  
69 Economic Development, Transportation and Energy, and  
70 Healthcare Committees; and

71           WHEREAS, beyond his legislative service, Senator  
72 Butler has remained deeply committed to faith and community,  
73 serving as an active member of University Baptist Church,  
74 including as a missionary to South America; he is also  
75 affiliated with Gideons International, the Alabama  
76 Republican Executive Committee, the Community Free Clinic  
77 Board, and the Calhoun Community College Foundation Board;  
78 and

79           WHEREAS, Senator Butler readily acknowledges that  
80 none of these accomplishments would have been possible  
81 without the love, steadfast support, and encouragement of  
82 his wife, Karen, a registered nurse; his daughter, Robin, a  
83 registered nurse; and his late daughter, Jill, who  
84 faithfully served as a teacher at Monrovia Elementary



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85 School; and

86 WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislature that  
87 Senator Butler's legacy will endure not only in the roads  
88 built, schools strengthened, and lives changed through his  
89 legislative efforts, but also in the integrity, conviction,  
90 and servant leadership with which he conducted himself,  
91 setting a standard of principled public service that will  
92 long inspire those who follow in his footsteps; now  
93 therefore,

94 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
95 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his  
96 exemplary and devoted service to the Alabama Legislature and  
97 to the people of this state, Senator Thomas Wayne Butler is  
98 hereby honored and commended, and this resolution is offered  
99 to him in highest tribute and deepest appreciation, with  
100 sincere gratitude for a legacy defined by faith, fortitude,  
101 and dedicated service to Alabama, along with best wishes as  
102 he embarks upon his well-earned retirement.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 08-Apr-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 09-Apr-26

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By: Senator Gudger