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3 By Representatives Hurst, Johnson (R) and Boyd  
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8 COMMENDING DANTE WHITAKER FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Dante Whitaker for outstanding professional  
13 achievement, advocacy for forest service employees, and  
14 pastoral service; and

15 WHEREAS, a Tuskegee, Alabama, native, with a  
16 prominent background in forestry, Dante Whitaker embarked upon  
17 his career with the Young Adult Conservation Corps in 1979;  
18 his record of professional excellence has included serving as  
19 an Alabama Forestry Commission employee, serving as a Forest  
20 Aide, marking thirty-two million board feet of timber annually  
21 with a team in the Oakmulgee National Forest, serving as the  
22 first African American Engineering Equipment Operator in the  
23 National Forests in Alabama, serving as a program manager of  
24 the Multicultural Advisory Committee for the National Forests  
25 in Alabama, and preserving forest jobs, working on behalf of  
26 forest workers in Washington, D.C., and reviewing policies and  
27 processes to affect positive change for Forest Service

1 employees as a Region 8 Vice President of the National  
2 Federation of Federal Employees; and

3 WHEREAS, Dante Whitaker also works for progressive  
4 public policy as Vice President of the Talladega County  
5 Democratic Party and serves as a member of the Board of  
6 Directors of the Talladega Quality of Life Health Services;  
7 for the past six years, he has served as Pastor of the  
8 Macedonia Baptist Church of Talladega; he and his beloved and  
9 devoted wife of 31 years have raised four children together;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to excellence  
12 in the forest industry, as an advocate and a pastor, Dante  
13 Whitaker reflects immense credit upon the entire State of  
14 Alabama; he is a true public servant who has positively  
15 impacted countless lives through his meritorious work, and he  
16 is truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now  
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dante Whitaker is highly  
20 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
21 in deepest admiration and appreciation for his immeasurable  
22 service, as well as with sincere best wishes for continued  
23 success in all future endeavors.