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3 By Senator Mitchem
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 14-JAN-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR25,

5 COMMENDING TALMADGE BUTLER FOR PROFESSIONAL
6 ACHIEVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendation is conveyed to
9 Talmadge Butler in recognition of his outstanding record of
10 achievement and public service during a distinguished 35-year
11 career in the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural
12 Resources; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Butler has announced his retirement
14 from his position as District Manager and Park Superintendent
15 at Lake Guntersville State Park, where his dedication and
16 superb management were instrumental in the completion of a \$26
17 million renovation project, leading to the successful
18 reopening of the Lodge after two and a half years; in his role
19 as District Manager, he is responsible for four parks, DeSoto,
20 Buck's Pocket, and Cathedral Caverns as well as Lake
21 Guntersville; and

22 WHEREAS, since embarking upon his exemplary career
23 in April 1974, Mr. Butler has held a number of key positions
24 in Alabama's nationally acclaimed State Park System; his
25 earliest interests within the system were in law enforcement,

1 and he is credited with successful investigative work as well
2 as many years as a firearms instructor; and

3 WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments as a
4 conservationist, he initiated and implemented the Canyon
5 Cleanup in Little River Canyon, winning first place three
6 times at the national level in the Take Pride in America
7 Awards; Mr. Butler was named to the Alabama Tourism Hall of
8 Fame for outstanding achievement in the state's tourism
9 industry; in addition, he supervised development of the
10 beautiful, 1,000-foot Boardwalk Trail at DeSoto State Park,
11 where he also participated in the early stages of the bridge
12 project that visitors now enjoy; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Butler's commitment to the environment
14 is accompanied by his devotion to family; he and his wife,
15 Alice, have been married for 37 years; there are five
16 children, 12 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Butler has earned
18 widespread respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
19 skills; his legacy of contributions to the State of Alabama
20 will endure for future generations; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
22 ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Talmadge Butler
23 is honored and commended for his outstanding record of
24 achievement and service during a distinguished 35-year career
25 in the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural

1 Resources, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
2 and with deepest appreciation to him, along with best wishes
3 as he begins his well-deserved retirement from his position as
4 District Manager and Park Superintendent at Lake Guntersville
5 State Park.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
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