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8 COMMENDING DOCTOR DAVID MUSSLEMAN FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 commending Dr. David Mussleman for an outstanding record of  
13 professional achievement during the past 51 years in the field  
14 of veterinary medicine; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Mussleman retired on December 31, 2009,  
16 from the practice of veterinary medicine with the closing of  
17 the first emergency veterinary clinic operating in the  
18 Florence-Shoals community; it was his vision that led him in  
19 2000 to redirect his practice to an after-hours and weekend  
20 critical care center; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Mussleman, a native of Florence,  
22 graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now known as  
23 Auburn University, and thereafter began his veterinary  
24 practice in 1958; and

25 WHEREAS, under his leadership he has mentored  
26 countless young veterinarians in the Florence-Shoals community  
27 and his wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Mussleman takes great pride in the  
2           service he brought to the Florence-Shoals community through  
3           the operation of his emergency pet care center; he looks  
4           forward to the time he will be able to devote to his loving  
5           family, his wife, Jean, five children, and eleven  
6           grandchildren; and

7           WHEREAS, although Dr. Mussleman has closed down his  
8           clinic for more relaxing days to come, the practice of  
9           veterinary medicine will never be left behind as he looks  
10          forward to launching an Internet website where he can blog  
11          about all of his best days in the care of animals in need; now  
12          therefore,

13          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
14          THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on the occasion of his  
15          retirement from the practice of veterinary medicine in the  
16          Florence-Shoals community, sincere tribute is offered to Dr.  
17          David Mussleman for many years of unselfish devotion to the  
18          care of animals, and by copy of this resolution, we salute his  
19          accomplishments and extend best wishes for his well-deserved  
20          retirement.