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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Hall, Ball, Sanderford, Taylor,  
4 Williams (P) and Hinshaw  
5 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING DALLAS W. FANNING FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dallas W. Fanning, a graduate of the  
12 University of Alabama, has served with distinction with active  
13 and reserve components of the United States Armed Forces for  
14 nearly 40 years; drafted into the United States Army, he has  
15 served honorably from his time in Viet Nam to the present,  
16 attaining the rank of Brigadier General in the Alabama Army  
17 National Guard, where he presently serves as Commander of the  
18 142d Signal Brigade in Decatur, Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning chose to continue his  
20 education, attaining a Master's Degree in City Planning from  
21 Alabama A&M University in 1976; he has turned this education  
22 and experience toward the advancement and growth of the City  
23 of Huntsville; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning has served for over 29 years as  
25 department head for Huntsville's Planning Department and a  
26 member of the Mayor's staff; as Director of Urban Development,

1 he has achieved unprecedeted success as a vital influence on  
2 plans for Huntsville's development; and

3                   WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning spearheaded the expansion of  
4 the City of Huntsville Planning Department from nine total  
5 employees in 1980 to its present staff of 33, commensurate  
6 with the city's growth; he coordinated the establishment of  
7 Cummings Research Park West, which has grown to be the second  
8 largest research park in the United States and fourth largest  
9 in the world; and

10                  WHEREAS, Mr. Fanning developed and implemented  
11 Huntsville's highway priorities with the Alabama Department of  
12 Transportation, playing an integral role in a number of  
13 important construction and improvement projects that have  
14 contributed to the continued growth of the city; he played an  
15 instrumental role in the expansion of Huntsville's city limits  
16 from just over 100 square miles in 1980 to over 200 square  
17 miles today; now therefore,

18                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Dallas  
20 W. Fanning on the occasion of his retirement as Director of  
21 Urban Development for the City of Huntsville, that we  
22 sincerely thank him for his service to Alabama and our nation,  
23 and that, by copy of this resolution, we offer our sincerest  
24 best wishes for all future endeavors.