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3 By Representatives Knight, Kennedy, Baker (L), Gordon, Davis,  
4 McMillan, Fincher, Hammon, Thomas (J), Shiver, Jackson, Baker  
5 (A), Howard, Boyd, Boothe, Martin, Vance, Gipson, Newton (C),  
6 Williams (J), Harper, Thigpen, Bentley, Clouse, McClendon,  
7 Faust, Williams (P), Beck, Salaam, England, McCampbell,  
8 McClammy, Hurst, Wren, Warren, Mitchell, Guin, Graham, Allen,  
9 Ball, Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beech, Black, Bridges, Buskey,  
10 Canfield, Coleman, Collier, Curtis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes,  
11 Fields, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Grantland, Greeson, Grimes,  
12 Hall, Hammett, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Hubbard,  
13 Irons, Ison, Johnson, Laird, Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love,  
14 Mask, McAdory, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin,  
15 Millican, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (D), Oden,  
16 Page, Payne, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,  
17 Scott, Sherer, Spicer, Taylor, Thomas (E), Todd, Treadaway,  
18 Ward, White and Wood

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8 HONORING VICE ADMIRAL REGINA M. BENJAMIN FOR  
9 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, is the 18th  
12 Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service;  
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14 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin, a native of Mobile, is a  
15 graduate of Xavier University, with an MD degree from The  
16 University of Alabama, Birmingham, and an MBA degree from  
17 Tulane University; Dr. Benjamin holds five honorary  
18 doctorates; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin is the founder and former  
20 Chief Executive Officer of the Bayou La Batre Rural Health  
21 Clinic, former Associate Dean for Rural Health at the  
22 University of South Alabama College of Medicine, and immediate  
23 Past Chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the  
24 United States; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Benjamin became the first  
26 physician under 40 years of age and the first African-American  
27 woman to be elected to the American Medical Association Board

1 of Trustees; Dr. Benjamin served as President of the American  
2 Medical Association Education and Research Foundation and  
3 Chair of the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs; in  
4 2002, she became President of the Medical Association, State  
5 of Alabama, making her the first African-American female  
6 president of a Medical Society in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin is a member of numerous  
8 professional and philanthropic boards, including the Robert  
9 Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the  
10 Uninsured, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the Catholic  
11 Health Association; she is a member of the National Academy of  
12 Science's Institute of Medicine and a Fellow of the American  
13 Academy of Family Physicians; Dr. Benjamin has also been a  
14 Kellogg National Fellow and a Rockefeller Next Generation  
15 Leader; in 1998, she received the Nelson Mandela Award for  
16 Health and Human Rights; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin's long list of achievements,  
18 awards, and honors demonstrates that she is an outstanding  
19 representative of the State of Alabama; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily commend Vice  
22 Admiral Regina M. Benjamin for a lifetime of outstanding  
23 achievement, that we extend our gratitude for her service to  
24 the State of Alabama and to the American people, and that, by  
25 copy of this resolution, we offer our sincere good wishes for  
26 success in her role as the 18th Surgeon General of the United  
27 States, as well as all her future endeavors.

