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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 Milligan, 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

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 04-FEB-10

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;
13 and

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.

