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3 By Senators Smitherman, French, Mitchell, Barron, Beason,
4 Bedford, Benefield, Bishop, Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton,
5 Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little
6 (T), Little (Z), Marsh, Means, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman,
7 Poole, Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, and
8 Waggoner
9 RFD:
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8 RECOGNIZING VICE ADMIRAL REGINA M. BENJAMIN, MD,
9 MBA, AS THE CONSTANCE S. AND JAMES A. PITTMAN LECTURER AT THE
10 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 37TH ANNUAL
11 MEDICAL ALUMNI WEEKEND.

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13 WHEREAS, The University of Alabama Medical Alumni
14 Association will host its 37th Annual Medical Alumni Weekend
15 on February 19 and 20, 2010, at the Birmingham Marriott; and

16 WHEREAS, the 37th Annual Medical Alumni Weekend
17 features continuing medical education programs, social events,
18 quintennial class reunions, business meetings, and lectures by
19 distinguished speakers; and

20 WHEREAS, this 37th Annual Medical Alumni Weekend
21 will culminate in the 18th Annual Constance S. and James A.
22 Pittman Lecture, to be delivered by Vice Admiral Regina M.
23 Benjamin, MD, MBA, 18th Surgeon General of the United States;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, a graduate of the School of Medicine at The
26 University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dr. Benjamin has made
27 significant and lasting contributions to the health of

1 Alabamians and the provision of quality health care for
2 Alabama's underserved and uninsured residents, and Alabama is
3 proud to call Dr. Benjamin our native daughter; and

4 WHEREAS, as the 18th Surgeon General of the United
5 States Public Health Service, Dr. Benjamin ensures that the
6 American public is provided with the latest scientific
7 information so as to improve their health and the health of
8 the nation, and she also oversees the operational command of
9 6,500 uniformed health officers who serve in locations around
10 the world to promote, protect, and advance the health of the
11 American people; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin is the founder and former
13 Chief Executive Officer of the Bayou La Batre Rural Health
14 Clinic, former Associate Dean for Rural Health at the
15 University of South Alabama College of Medicine, and immediate
16 Past Chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Benjamin became the first
19 physician under 40 years of age and the first African-American
20 woman to be elected to the American Medical Association Board
21 of Trustees and, in 2002, she became President of the Medical
22 Association, State of Alabama, making her the first
23 African-American female president of a Medical Society in the
24 United States; and

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Dr. Regina
27 Benjamin for her immeasurable contributions to the health and

1 welfare of residents of the State of Alabama and herewith
2 express our appreciation for her service as the Constance S.
3 and James A. Pittman Lecturer at The University of Alabama
4 Medical Alumni Association's 37th Annual Medical Alumni
5 Weekend and, by copy of this resolution, extend our heartfelt
6 good wishes to Dr. Benjamin and the Association.