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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:
10 First Read: 09-FEB-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR53,

5 RECOGNIZING VICE ADMIRAL REGINA M. BENJAMIN, MD,
6 MBA, AS THE CONSTANCE S. AND JAMES A. PITTMAN LECTURER AT THE
7 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 37TH ANNUAL
8 MEDICAL ALUMNI WEEKEND.

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

13 WHEREAS, the 37th Annual Medical Alumni Weekend
14 features continuing medical education programs, social events,
15 class reunions, business meetings, and lectures by
16 distinguished speakers; and

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

22 WHEREAS, a graduate of the School of Medicine at The
23 University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dr. Benjamin has made
24 significant and lasting contributions to the health of
25 Alabamians and the provision of quality health care for

1 Alabama's underserved and uninsured residents, and Alabama is
2 proud to call Dr. Benjamin our native daughter; and

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

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Dr. Regina

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 17-FEB-10

By: Senator Smitherman