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3 By Senators Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield, Bishop,
4 Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures,
5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,
6 Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt,
7 Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and
8 Waggoner
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 11-FEB-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR57,

5 COMMENDING THE HONORABLE JOHN M. BAKER FOR
6 OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.
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8 WHEREAS, the Honorable John M. Baker, a former
9 member of the Alabama Senate, has announced his intention to
10 retire as Assistant Vice President - Government Relations for
11 Norfolk Southern Railroad, where he has served with
12 distinction for 26 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker, a graduate of The University of
14 Alabama and The University of Alabama School of Law, had a
15 distinguished career in the practice of law for seventeen
16 years in the Cities of Rainsville and Ft. Payne; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker, who was introduced to politics
18 by his father, Excell Baker, a former member of the Alabama
19 House of Representatives, was elected to the House of
20 Representatives himself in 1970; he served in the House until
21 his 1973 election to the Alabama Senate, where he served until
22 1978; during his tenure in the Senate, Mr. Baker was
23 recognized by the Capitol Press Corps as its Outstanding
24 Freshman Senator and its Hardest Working Senator; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker's interest in politics was not
2 limited to service in the Legislature; he served as Chairman
3 of the Alabama Democratic Party from 1985 to 1990 and remains
4 an avid follower of and participant in politics at all levels;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is a member of numerous
7 professional and civic organizations; he is an active member
8 of the Alabama Railway Association, and has served on the
9 esteemed Montgomery Committee of 100, the Board of Directors
10 of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, and the Hole in the
11 Wall Club; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is an avid outdoorsman and an
13 accomplished hunter and fisherman; he is a great lover of
14 horses and of boating; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker, a member of the First Baptist
16 Church of Montgomery, is a devoted husband, father, and
17 grandfather; he is beloved to his wife Regina; his daughters,
18 Gina Baker Hantel, Ginger Baker Gary, and Julie Baker
19 McCormick; and to his seven grandchildren, Sarah, John,
20 Gaston, Gabby, Griffin, Troy, and Lydia; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker has lived an exceptional life,
22 marked by professional, political, and, above all, personal
23 success; his long, distinguished, and diverse career reflects
24 honor not just on him, but on all Alabamians; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily congratulate our
3 friend, John M. Baker, on the occasion of his retirement as
4 Assistant Vice President - Government Relations for Norfolk
5 Southern Railroad and on his exemplary record of achievement;
6 by copy of this resolution, we offer him and his family our
7 sincerest good wishes in all future endeavors.

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President Pro Tempore 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: 18-FEB-10

By: Senator Barron