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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Ball, McCutcheon, Williams (P),
4 Hall, Hinshaw and Taylor
5 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING ANNE ROOKS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
9 AND SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to extend highest
12 commendation to Anne Rooks for her outstanding record of
13 achievement during a 25-year career with the Mental Health
14 Center of Madison County; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Rooks is retiring as Adult Services
16 Division Director of the Mental Health Center on January 1,
17 2010, having begun her dedicated service in December 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, she had previously been employed with
19 Vocational Rehabilitation Services in both Birmingham and
20 Huntsville; her educational credentials include a Bachelor of
21 Arts Degree from Fisk University and a Master's Degree in
22 Counseling from The University of Alabama; Ms. Rooks became a
23 Licensed Professional Counselor in Alabama in 1992 and a
24 Licensed Supervising Counselor in 1996; she is a member of
25 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

26 WHEREAS, among her many awards and honors during her
27 distinguished career, she was named Manager of the Year,

1 Recipient of the Women's Economic Development Council
2 Leadership Award from The University of Alabama, Clinical
3 Employee of the Year, Fred Habeeb Professional Service Award,
4 and Case of the Year recognition from Vocational
5 Rehabilitation Services; and

6 WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Ms. Rooks has
7 served the community, assisting families and individuals who
8 suffer from mental illness or substance abuse; she has been
9 instrumental in expansion of Mental Illness Community
10 Treatment Programs in the Huntsville Area, initiating many
11 critical services; in addition, she collaborated with various
12 community organizations to build lasting partnerships for
13 assisting those in need; and

14 WHEREAS, devoted to family, Ms. Rooks is the
15 daughter of the late Sippie and Lois Rooks; she is the mother
16 of three sons, Don Eric Murray, Charles Nickolas Murray, and
17 Brandon Rooks Murray, and has three grandchildren, Trinity
18 Murray, Elijah Murray, and Jordon Murray; and

19 WHEREAS, through the years, Ms. Rooks has earned
20 widespread respect for her exceptional capabilities and
21 dedication; her community contributions are far-reaching as
22 she has positively impacted the lives of countless
23 individuals; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Anne Rooks is honored and
26 commended for her exemplary 25-year record of achievement and
27 service with the Mental Health Center of Madison County, and

1 this resolution is offered in highest tribute and deepest
2 appreciation to her, along with best wishes in her
3 well-deserved retirement from the position of Adult Services
4 Division Director.