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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 Millican, 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

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING VICE ADMIRAL REGINA M. BENJAMIN FOR  
4 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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6 WHEREAS, Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, is the 18th  
7 Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service;  
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9 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin, a native of Mobile, is a  
10 graduate of Xavier University, with an MD degree from The  
11 University of Alabama, Birmingham, and an MBA degree from  
12 Tulane University; Dr. Benjamin holds five honorary  
13 doctorates; and

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

20 WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Benjamin became the first  
21 physician under 40 years of age and the first African-American  
22 woman to be elected to the American Medical Association Board  
23 of Trustees; Dr. Benjamin served as President of the American  
24 Medical Association Education and Research Foundation and  
25 Chair of the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs; in

1                   2002, she became President of the Medical Association, State  
2                   of Alabama, making her the first African-American female  
3                   president of a Medical Society in the United States; and

4                   WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin is a member of numerous  
5                   professional and philanthropic boards, including the Robert  
6                   Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the  
7                   Uninsured, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the Catholic  
8                   Health Association; she is a member of the National Academy of  
9                   Science's Institute of Medicine and a Fellow of the American  
10                   Academy of Family Physicians; Dr. Benjamin has also been a  
11                   Kellogg National Fellow and a Rockefeller Next Generation  
12                   Leader; in 1998, she received the Nelson Mandela Award for  
13                   Health and Human Rights; and

14                   WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin's long list of achievements,  
15                   awards, and honors demonstrates that she is an outstanding  
16                   representative of the State of Alabama; now therefore,

17                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18                   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily commend Vice  
19                   Admiral Regina M. Benjamin for a lifetime of outstanding  
20                   achievement, that we extend our gratitude for her service to  
21                   the State of Alabama and to the American people, and that, by  
22                   copy of this resolution, we offer our sincere good wishes for  
23                   success in her role as the 18th Surgeon General of the United  
24                   States, as well as all her future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 04-FEB-10.

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