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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;
8 and

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

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

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

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

23-MAR-10

Adopted