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3 By Representatives Irons, Morrow, Curtis and Black
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8 COMMENDING SENATOR BOBBY DENTON FOR HIS
9 DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AND DESIGNATING THE BOBBY
10 DENTON PARKWAY.
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12 WHEREAS, we note with great pride and appreciation
13 the eight consecutive terms of distinguished and honorable
14 legislative service by our friend and colleague, the Dean of
15 the Senate, Senator Bobby Denton, who has ably represented the
16 citizens of Senate District 1 since 1978; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Denton is a gifted musician from a
18 musical family; he nurtured his love for music beginning as a
19 child and developed into an accomplished professional during
20 his young adulthood, appearing on American Bandstand at the
21 age of 19; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Denton's lifetime participation in
23 the music industry, particularly his involvement with the
24 Muscle Shoals Sound, led him to help enact a law creating a
25 landmark cultural treasure of our state, the Alabama Music
26 Hall of Fame, an institution that reflects so positively on
27 our state; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Denton was also instrumental in the
2 legislative effort to establish another great landmark
3 institution and source of pride for our state, the Tennessee
4 Valley Exhibit Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Denton has worked tirelessly
6 throughout his career to encourage the Cities of Florence,
7 Sheffield, Tuscumbia, and Muscle Shoals to work together on
8 economic development for the entire area and he played a key
9 role in persuading a major rail car manufacturer to locate in
10 Senate District 1; and

11 WHEREAS, perhaps Senator Denton's proudest
12 legislative achievement was the passage of the 2009 Mike
13 Denton Infection Reporting Act, an outstanding and farsighted
14 public health statute; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mike Denton Infection Reporting Act
16 garnered bipartisan support and survived a contentious late
17 session filibuster in the House of Representatives; upon
18 passage of the act, Senator Denton was recognized and honored
19 by a rousing standing ovation in the House Chamber; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Denton has experienced great
21 personal and professional success, as well as profound
22 personal tragedy and loss; yet because of his strong faith and
23 personal determination, he has persevered, and in the process
24 he has earned the respect and admiration of all with whom he
25 has been associated; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Denton's greatest legacy to the
27 Alabama Legislature will be the exemplary manner in which he

1 conducted himself; Senator Denton's strong code of personal
2 ethics and integrity has earned him the respect and love of
3 his many friends, family members, and colleagues; he is truly
4 a statesman who will long be remembered; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution we
7 hereby commend our friend and colleague, Senator Bobby Denton
8 for his long and distinguished legislative career.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in honor of Senator
10 Bobby Denton, we hereby designate that portion of Alabama
11 Highway 133 from its intersection with Alabama Highway 20 in
12 Colbert County northward to its intersection with Ironside St.
13 just north of the Singing River Bridge then continuing
14 northward on that portion of Alabama Highway 157 from Ironside
15 St. to its intersection with U.S. Highway 72 (Florence Blvd.)
16 in Florence the Bobby Denton Parkway. We respectfully request
17 the appropriate officials to place and maintain signs
18 identifying the Bobby Denton Parkway.