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

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9 First Read: 08-APR-10

8                   COMMENDING SENATOR BOBBY DENTON FOR DISTINGUISHED  
9  LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

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11                   WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and  
12  appreciation the distinguished service of our friend,  
13  colleague, and Dean of the Senate, Senator Bobby Denton, to  
14  the citizens of Senate District 1 in Colbert and Lauderdale  
15  Counties and the State of Alabama over the past 32 years since  
16  first being elected in 1978; and

17                   WHEREAS, Senator Denton has been actively involved  
18  in the legislative process through his varied committee  
19  assignments which include the Banking and Insurance Committee,  
20  which he chairs, as well as the Committees on Business and  
21  Labor; Education; Finance and Taxation - Education;  
22  Governmental Affairs; Industrial Development and Recruitment;  
23  and Rules; and

24                   WHEREAS, a graduate of The University of Alabama,  
25  Senator Denton is a former businessman, banker, and Director  
26  of Development for Northwest Shoals Community College; and

WHEREAS, Senator Denton is a remarkably talented musician; in 1956, he recorded "A Fallen Star," believed to be the first master recording from which a commercial record was produced in the State of Alabama, for Tune Records in Florence; though he left the music business in 1960, he more recently returned to his musical roots and has provided countless hours of joy and inspiration to those who are privileged to enjoy his more recent gospel contributions; on March 25, 2010, in recognition of his singular contributions to the arts in Alabama, Senator Denton was inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, born and reared on a small farm near Cherokee, Senator Denton's hometown values have served him in good stead throughout his years in public life; he is an active member of the Church of Christ and a dedicated family man to his wife, Barbara; their three children, Julie McCreary, Roger Denton, and the late Mike Denton; three grandchildren, Matt Denton, Ashley Denton, and Jordan Denton; and one great-grandchild, Caleb Denton; and

WHEREAS, Senator Denton's commitment to public service is unsurpassed; his 32 years in the Alabama Senate make him the longest-serving member in the history of that august institution; all who have served with him will carry with them the memory of his leadership and dedication; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby heartily commend Senator Bobby Denton for his outstanding record of service to the people of Senate District 1 and the State of Alabama and for his invaluable contributions to this body over the past 32 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution will be presented to Senator Denton with our highest esteem and appreciation.