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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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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

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

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

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

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

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