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3 By Senators Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield, Bishop,  
4 Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures,  
5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,  
6 Means, Mitchell, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,  
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and Waggoner  
8 RFD:  
9 First Read: 08-APR-10

COMMENDING SENATOR HINTON MITCHEM FOR DISTINGUISHED  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and colleague, Senator Hinton Mitchem, to the citizens of Senate District 9 in Marshall and Blount Counties and the State of Alabama over the past 32 years since first being elected in 1978 after serving in the House of Representatives from 1974-1978 and

WHEREAS, well-known for his leadership abilities and legislative skills, Senator Mitchem is admired for never speaking ill of anyone; he served with great effectiveness as President Pro Tempore of the Senate from January 2007 until February 2009 and he has been actively involved in the legislative process through his varied committee assignments including Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Commerce, Transportation and Utilities; Confirmations; Finance and

Taxation General Fund; Health; Rules; and Veterans and Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard; he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Georgia and is a highly regarded businessman; and

WHEREAS, born in Oconee County, Georgia, Senator Mitchem adopted the State of Alabama and has been tirelessly committed to its citizens; married to the former Judy Corley of Cullman, he is the father of four adult children, Todd, Tanya, Dee, and Brittnie, and has three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem is a Presbyterian, a Democrat, and active in many civic and charitable organizations including serving as chair of the Alabama Special Olympics and past president of both the Rotary Club and the Jaycees; among his many honors and recognitions through the years, he was named Albertville's Outstanding Young Man in 1974, Outstanding Senator in 1984 and 1985, and Legislator of the Year 2001; in his spare time, he is an avid golfer and enjoys traveling; and

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

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby heartily commend  
3 Senator Hinton Mitchem for his outstanding record of service  
4 to the people of Senate District 9 and the State of Alabama  
5 and for his invaluable contributions to this body over the  
6 past 32 years.