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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
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8 COMMENDING SENATOR HINTON MITCHEM 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 and
13 colleague, Senator Hinton Mitchem, to the citizens of Senate
14 District 9 in Marshall and Blount Counties and the State of
15 Alabama over the past 32 years since first being elected in
16 1978 after serving in the House of Representatives from
17 1974-1978 and

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem's commitment to public
22 service is unsurpassed; his 32 years in the Alabama Senate
23 have made him one of the longest-serving members in the
24 history of this august institution; all who have served with
25 him will carry with them the memory of his leadership and
26 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.

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