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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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4 ENROLLED, SJR152,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR HINTON MITCHEM FOR DISTINGUISHED
6 LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

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8 WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and
9 appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and
10 colleague, Senator Hinton Mitchem, to the citizens of Senate
11 District 9 in Marshall and Blount Counties and the State of
12 Alabama over the past 32 years since first being elected in
13 1978 after serving in the House of Representatives from
14 1974-1978; and

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

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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Secretary

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Barron