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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
8 RFD:
9 First Read: 08-APR-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR149,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR BOBBY DENTON 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,
10 colleague, and Dean of the Senate, Senator Bobby Denton, to
11 the citizens of Senate District 1 in Colbert and Lauderdale
12 Counties and the State of Alabama over the past 32 years since
13 first being elected in 1978; and

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

21 WHEREAS, a graduate of The University of Alabama,
22 Senator Denton is a former businessman, banker, and Director
23 of Development for Northwest Shoals Community College; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Denton is a remarkably talented
25 musician; in 1956, he recorded "A Fallen Star," believed to be

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

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby heartily commend

1 Senator Bobby Denton for his outstanding record of service to
2 the people of Senate District 1 and the State of Alabama and
3 for his invaluable contributions to this body over the past 32
4 years.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
6 resolution will be presented to Senator Denton with our
7 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