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3 By Representatives Newton (D), Allen, Baker (A), Baker (L),
4 Ball, Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beech, Bentley, Black, Boothe,
5 Boyd, Bridges, Brown, Buskey, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman,
6 Collier, Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust,
7 Fields, Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon,
8 Graham, Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammon,
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,
10 Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Oden, Page, Payne, Robinson
15 (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer,
16 Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd,
17 Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams (J), Williams
18 (P), Wood and Wren
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 21-APR-10

8 COMMENDING SPEAKER SETH HAMMETT 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, Speaker Seth Hammett, to the citizens of House
14 District 92 in Covington and Escambia Counties and the State
15 of Alabama over the past 32 years since first being elected in
16 1978; and

17 WHEREAS, Speaker Hammett has been both captain and
18 compass for this Ship of State; he is a Democrat who has
19 earned bipartisan acclaim for his unprecedented leadership
20 while serving as Speaker Pro Tempore from 1991-1998 and as
21 Speaker of the House since 1999; and

22 WHEREAS, among the many offices he has fulfilled
23 beyond Alabama, he is a past president of the Southern
24 Legislative Conference, a past president of the National
25 Speakers Conference, and a member of the Board of Directors
26 for the State Legislative Leaders Foundation; and

1 WHEREAS, a native of Andalusia, he earned a
2 Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from Auburn
3 University, as well as honorary Doctor of Law Degrees from
4 Troy University and the University of West Alabama; he served
5 with honor and distinction in the United States Air Force and
6 is a licensed pilot; and

7 WHEREAS, Speaker Hammett is the founder and first
8 president of the First National Bank of Andalusia; among his
9 numerous roles of civic leadership, he is president emeritus
10 of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and has served
11 effectively on many boards of directors and committees;
12 through the years, he has received scores of recognitions and
13 awards, including being honored as Andalusia's Citizen of the
14 Year and receiving the city's Distinguished Service Award, as
15 well as many awards for legislative leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, he is known as a man of his word;
17 fair-minded, wise, just, organized, knowledgeable, courageous,
18 farsighted -- these are the qualities that define Speaker
19 Hammett, who is liked and trusted by all factions; and

20 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, Speaker
21 Hammett is a member of First United Methodist Church of
22 Andalusia; he and his wife, Nancy, have two adult children:
23 son, Merrill, and daughter, Catherine; and two grandchildren;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Speaker Hammett has worked tirelessly for
26 economic development and on behalf of children and the working
27 people of Alabama; his unsurpassed 32-year tenure in the

1 Alabama House of Representatives has been marked by the
2 highest standards of governance, and all who have served with
3 him will carry with them the memory of his leadership and
4 dedication; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby heartily commend
7 Speaker Seth Hammett for his outstanding record of service to
8 the people of House District 92 and the State of Alabama and
9 for his invaluable contributions to this body over the past 32
10 years.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
12 resolution will be presented to Speaker Hammett with our
13 highest esteem and appreciation.