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3 By Senator Holley
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8 HONORING PROBATE JUDGE WILLIAM GAMMILL FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
12 Probate Judge William Gammill of Coffee County, Alabama, in
13 recognition of his outstanding record of achievement and
14 dedicated service to his fellow citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Gammill is retiring after 16
16 exemplary years as probate judge, chief elections official,
17 and license administrator; and

18 WHEREAS, he also served his country with honor and
19 distinction; after graduating from Enterprise High School in
20 1966, he joined the United States Army as an infantryman and
21 later became an Army aviator, flying UH-1 Hueys with the 101st
22 Airborne in Vietnam, and serving 20 years before retiring; and

23 WHEREAS, after returning to Alabama, he went into
24 business for a few years prior to entering the political
25 arena, where he made history in 1994 as the first Republican
26 elected to public office in Coffee County; and

1 WHEREAS, among his many duties, Judge Gammill has
2 been responsible for overseeing elections, and he has
3 certified about 30 primaries, runoffs, recounts, and general
4 elections during his tenure; in addition, the Coffee County
5 Probate Office handles numerous other responsibilities in two
6 courthouses for its two jurisdictions; Judge Gammill is
7 credited with excellent managerial skills, including handling
8 tight budget situations; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Gammill also spearheaded a complete
10 overhaul of technology used in the Probate Offices, resulting
11 in more efficient transactions and quicker copying of
12 documents, a procedure that once might take two weeks and now
13 can be done in five minutes; all record-keeping is now online
14 and readily accessible; and

15 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
16 Judge Gammill has earned respect for his exceptional abilities
17 and tireless dedication; as retirement beckons, he looks
18 forward to outdoor recreation, travel, visiting friends, and
19 spending more time with his wife, children, and grandchildren;
20 now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Probate Judge William Gammill
23 of Coffee County is honored and commended, and this resolution
24 is offered in highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him
25 as he begins his well-deserved retirement, along with best
26 wishes for the future.