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3 By Senators Brooks and Glover
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8 COMMENDING THOMAS H. DAVIS, JR., FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Thomas
12 H. Davis, Jr., is recognized for his distinguished service and
13 outstanding achievements during more than 26 years with The
14 Community Foundation of South Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has announced his retirement from
16 his position as President and CEO of the Foundation, having
17 begun his exemplary career in 1984 as the first full-time
18 employee to be hired by its Board; and

19 WHEREAS, highlights of his tenure include the
20 selection of the Community Foundation of South Alabama as one
21 of only six community foundations in the nation to receive the
22 Kresge Foundation Grant, "Partnership to Raise Community
23 Capital," a five-year program that substantially increased the
24 permanent endowment; with Mr. Davis' guidance, the Foundation
25 has also been successful in securing a number of additional
26 significant grants to fund essential programs; and

1 WHEREAS, among the Foundation's many notable
2 contributions to the community were its responses to Hurricane
3 Ivan, Hurricane Katrina, and the BP Oil Spill; the Foundation
4 aided relief and recovery after these catastrophic events,
5 including providing individuals with assistance for food,
6 medicine, utility bills, and other basic needs; and

7 WHEREAS, in partnership with the City of Mobile and
8 other nonprofit organizations, the Foundation provides
9 affordable housing, education including financial literacy,
10 workforce development, and community health, as part of a
11 Community Economic Development Program Initiative; and

12 WHEREAS, numerous other civic, humanitarian,
13 education, and health programs have been developed and
14 implemented under Mr. Davis' leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, The Community Foundation of South Alabama
16 is now the fourth largest endowed public charity in the
17 region, with current assets of \$51.7 million; and

18 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
19 Mr. Davis has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and
20 unwavering commitment to his fellowman; he will be greatly
21 missed by colleagues and the entire community; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA,
23 BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his
24 retirement as President and CEO of The Community Foundation of
25 South Alabama and in recognition of his dedicated service and
26 many outstanding achievements, highest commendation is herein
27 extended to Thomas H. Davis, Jr., for whom a copy of this

1 resolution is provided as a token of sincere appreciation and
2 best wishes.