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3       By Senators Brooks and Glover  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 03-MAR-11

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.