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3 By Representatives Merrill, Harper, England and Poole  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING DON KELLY FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Don  
11 Kelly is recognized for his distinguished service to the  
12 people of Tuscaloosa County for more than three decades; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly has announced his retirement from  
14 his position as the executive director of the Tuscaloosa  
15 County Park and Recreation Authority (PARA), where his tenure  
16 has been marked by vision and unwavering commitment to  
17 improving the quality of life for all citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly began his exemplary career with  
19 PARA in 1973 in the maintenance department and advanced  
20 steadily through the ranks, fulfilling each position with  
21 diligence and competence; in 1997, he became only the second  
22 director in the 40-year history of PARA, and is responsible  
23 for managing an 85-member staff and an annual budget of \$7.8  
24 million; and

25 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include a  
26 degree in parks and recreation management from The University  
27 of Alabama, where he worked his way through school while

1 putting in 40-hour weeks as an employee at PARA and gaining  
2 unique insight; and

3 WHEREAS, under Mr. Kelly's leadership, PARA has  
4 significantly expanded its reach into the community, including  
5 building four multipurpose activity centers and a highly  
6 regarded golf course; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly is known for his work ethic,  
8 quiet efficiency, and faithful stewardship of the public  
9 trust; and

10 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,  
11 Mr. Kelly has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and  
12 unwavering commitment to his profession and the community; his  
13 experience and depth of knowledge are considered  
14 irreplaceable, and he will be greatly missed by colleagues and  
15 friends, who wish him well as he embarks upon the next stage  
16 of the life he has dedicated to serving others; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his  
19 retirement and in recognition of his many outstanding  
20 achievements and dedicated service with the Tuscaloosa County  
21 Park and Recreation Authority, highest commendation is herein  
22 extended to Don Kelly, for whom a copy of this resolution is  
23 provided as a token of sincere appreciation and best wishes.