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3       By Senators Brooks and Glover  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR23,

5 COMMENDING THOMAS H. DAVIS, JR., FOR PROFESSIONAL  
6 ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, among the Foundation's many notable  
25 contributions to the community were its responses to Hurricane

1 Ivan, Hurricane Katrina, and the BP Oil Spill; the Foundation  
2 aided relief and recovery after these catastrophic events,  
3 including providing individuals with assistance for food,  
4 medicine, utility bills, and other basic needs; and

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

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

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

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

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his  
22 retirement as President and CEO of The Community Foundation of  
23 South Alabama and in recognition of his dedicated service and  
24 many outstanding achievements, highest commendation is herein  
25 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 10-MAR-11

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By: Senator Brooks