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2 126598-2  
3 By Representatives Merrill, Harper, England and Poole  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 03-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 COMMENDING DON KELLY FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.  
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5 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Don  
6 Kelly is recognized for his distinguished service to the  
7 people of Tuscaloosa County for more than three decades; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include a  
21 degree in parks and recreation management from The University  
22 of Alabama, where he worked his way through school while  
23 putting in 40-hour weeks as an employee at PARA and gaining  
24 unique insight; and

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 08-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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24-MAR-11

Adopted