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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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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

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

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11 Greg Pappas
12 Clerk
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16 Senate 24-MAR-11 Adopted
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