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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Johnson (W), Williams (P),
4 McCutcheon, Patterson, Ball and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING DR. DAVID WILLIAMS FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND
9 SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.
12 David Williams is recognized for his distinguished service as
13 President of the University of Alabama in Huntsville; and

14 WHEREAS, President Williams is retiring on March 31,
15 2011, having served with exceptional competence and unwavering
16 commitment as UAH President since July 1, 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, President Williams articulated the Power of
18 10 initiative at UAH after extensive cross-campus discussions
19 and through the collaboration of leaders from the business,
20 education, and government communities; attaining the goals
21 will further strengthen UAH's reputation as an innovative
22 academic institution and technological research university as
23 well as strengthen its pivotal role in Huntsville's continuing
24 economic growth; and

25 WHEREAS, innovative developments since his arrival
26 on the UAH campus include: the hiring of two world-class
27 eminent scholars in aerospace engineering and astrophysics;

1 becoming the first campus in the United States to operate an
2 office for Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and the creation of
3 a pioneering research collaboration agreement with Pratt and
4 Whitney Rocketdyne; and

5 WHEREAS, President Williams also forged a strong
6 relationship with federal agencies at Redstone Arsenal; and

7 WHEREAS, among his accomplishments, President
8 Williams worked to initiate changes that would enhance
9 opportunities for recent graduates and cooperative education
10 students to participate in contract work with several United
11 States Army agencies; he also continued efforts to secure
12 additional funding to create additional doctoral opportunities
13 for UAH students, and he achieved a number of other goals
14 while strengthening ongoing programs; and

15 WHEREAS, the contributions made by President
16 Williams are immeasurable and far-reaching and, as a result of
17 his service, he has earned the admiration and respect of those
18 persons who have had the privilege of associating with him;
19 now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his
22 retirement and in recognition of his many outstanding
23 achievements as President of the University of Alabama in
24 Huntsville, highest commendation is herein extended to Dr.
25 David Williams, for whom a copy of this resolution is provided
26 as evidence of our esteem and appreciation, along with best
27 wishes in all future endeavors.

