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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Johnson (W), Williams (P),
4 McCutcheon, Patterson, Ball and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 31-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. DAVID WILLIAMS FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND
4 SERVICE.

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

9 WHEREAS, President Williams is retiring on March 31,
10 2011, having served with exceptional competence and unwavering
11 commitment as UAH President since July 1, 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, President Williams articulated the Power of
13 10 initiative at UAH after extensive cross-campus discussions
14 and through the collaboration of leaders from the business,
15 education, and government communities; attaining the goals
16 will further strengthen UAH's reputation as an innovative
17 academic institution and technological research university as
18 well as strengthen its pivotal role in Huntsville's continuing
19 economic growth; and

20 WHEREAS, innovative developments since his arrival
21 on the UAH campus include: the hiring of two world-class
22 eminent scholars in aerospace engineering and astrophysics;
23 becoming the first campus in the United States to operate an
24 office for Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and the creation of

1 a pioneering research collaboration agreement with Pratt and
2 Whitney Rocketdyne; and

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

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

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

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

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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 05-APR-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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