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8 COMMENDING MICHAEL P. HOWLEY FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12 Michael P. Howley is recognized for his professional
13 achievement and distinguished service to Alabama State
14 University for more than three decades; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Howley has announced his retirement,
16 having begun his exemplary career at ASU in 1979 as Chair of
17 the Department of Theatre Arts, where he created the Theatre
18 Major and Minor, assisted in the design of the Fine Arts
19 Building and the Leila M. Barlow Theatre, and initiated ASU's
20 involvement in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre
21 Festival, the Alabama Conference of Theatre, and the
22 Southeastern Theatre Conference; he has held offices in each
23 organization and remains actively involved as a member of
24 their Boards of Directors; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Howley is in demand as a theatre
26 workshop presenter and panelist and has received awards for
27 his many adjudications of university theatre productions

1 throughout the southeast; for several years, he was a valued
2 member of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Company and he was
3 recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the new
4 Cloverdale Playhouse in Montgomery; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Howley has directed more than 250 plays
6 at the professional, university, high school, and community
7 theatre levels; his professional affiliations include the
8 Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, and he is the
9 only person in Alabama to hold membership in the American
10 Theatre Critics Association and the International Association
11 of Theatre Critics; and

12 WHEREAS, among his recognitions and honors, he
13 received the Marian Gallaway Award for contributions to
14 theatre in Alabama; the Hall of Fame Award for pioneer
15 contributions to theatre, the Sasakawa Fellowship in Japanese
16 Studies, a Kennedy Center 25th Anniversary Scholarship in
17 Playwriting, a Fellowship in Theatre and Musical Theatre from
18 the National Endowment for the Arts and the Annenberg School
19 for Communications, along with additional awards and grants;
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21 WHEREAS, at ASU, he has served on innumerable
22 committees and task forces and served as a Faculty Senator for
23 most of his tenure, serving as Chair of the Faculty Senate in
24 2000; he is also a valued mentor, Faculty Advisor of Phi Eta
25 Sigma Honor Society, and coordinator of the Virginia M. Jones
26 Scholarship as well as ASU coordinator of the International
27 Summer Study Abroad Programme at the University of Stirling in

1 Scotland, enabling a number of ASU students to participate in
2 the program; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Howley has earned respect for his
4 dedication and exceptional skills as a theatre critic,
5 director, and performer, as well as a gifted teacher who has
6 impacted countless lives; while his presence at ASU will be
7 greatly missed, his legacy will endure for future generations;
8 now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on the occasion of his
11 retirement and in recognition of his many outstanding
12 achievements and dedicated service, highest commendation is
13 herein extended to Michael P. Howley, for whom a copy of this
14 resolution is provided as evidence of our esteem and
15 appreciation, along with best wishes in all future endeavors.