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3 By Representative Knight  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 14-APR-11

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;  
20                  and

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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, 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.