

1 HJR345
2 129652-2
3 By Representative Knight
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 14-APR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING MICHAEL P. HOWLEY FOR PROFESSIONAL
4 ACHIEVEMENT.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
7 Michael P. Howley is recognized for his professional
8 achievement and distinguished service to Alabama State
9 University for more than three decades; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Howley is in demand as a theatre
21 workshop presenter and panelist and has received awards for
22 his many adjudications of university theatre productions
23 throughout the southeast; for several years, he was a valued
24 member of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Company and he was

1 recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the new
2 Cloverdale Playhouse in Montgomery; and

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

10 WHEREAS, among his recognitions and honors, he
11 received the Marian Gallaway Award for contributions to
12 theatre in Alabama; the Hall of Fame Award for pioneer
13 contributions to theatre, the Sasakawa Fellowship in Japanese
14 Studies, a Kennedy Center 25th Anniversary Scholarship in
15 Playwriting, a Fellowship in Theatre and Musical Theatre from
16 the National Endowment for the Arts and the Annenberg School
17 for Communications, along with additional awards and grants;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, at ASU, he has served on innumerable
20 committees and task forces and served as a Faculty Senator for
21 most of his tenure, serving as Chair of the Faculty Senate in
22 2000; he is also a valued mentor, Faculty Advisor of Phi Eta
23 Sigma Honor Society, and coordinator of the Virginia M. Jones
24 Scholarship as well as ASU coordinator of the International
25 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.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 19-APR-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

21-APR-11

Adopted