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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;  
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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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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 19-APR-11.

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Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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