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3 By Representative Forte
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8 COMMENDING MR. DOUGLAS C. PURCELL FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
12 commending Mr. Douglas C. Purcell, a resident of Eufaula,
13 Alabama, for exceptional professional achievement and service
14 on the occasion of his retirement after over 30 years of
15 service to the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, an agency of
16 Alabama and Georgia involved in the promotion of tourism and
17 historic preservation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell graduated from The University
19 of Alabama with a degree and graduate study in history; he
20 served as Captain in the United States Army Reserve from 1969
21 to 1977; he became Executive Director of the Historic
22 Chattahoochee Commission in 1972 and is retiring this year;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell and his wife, Betsy, have two
25 children and one grandchild; an active member of Eufaula First
26 United Methodist Church, he has served in numerous leadership
27 roles within the church; he is a member of numerous civic

1 organizations, including the Eufaula Rotary Club, the
2 Eufaula-Barbour County Chamber of Commerce, Main Street
3 Eufaula, Inc., Eufaula/Randolph Neighborhood Association,
4 Friends of Fendall Hall Committee, Eufaula Heritage
5 Association, Eufaula Audubon Committee, and Eufaula Historic
6 Preservation Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, an accomplished author, speaker, and
8 leader, Mr. Purcell has received numerous awards for his many
9 accomplishments, including: Named Outstanding Young Men in
10 America, 1975; Ocfuskee Historical Society Certificate of
11 Appreciation, 1974; Alabama Historical Commission
12 Distinguished Service Award, 1981; Henry County Historical
13 Society Award of Merit, 1983; Historic Chattahoochee
14 Commission Commendation, 1983; Eufaula Tribune Good Citizen
15 Award, 1983 and 1987, and the Movers and Shakers List 1989;
16 Alabama Historical Commission Silver Anniversary Award, 1991;
17 Alabama Preservation Alliance Merit Award, 1996;
18 Eufaula-Barbour County Tourism Council Trail Blazer Award,
19 2003; and the Historic Westville Legacy Award, 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell has been a well-respected and
21 valuable member of the agency, and he has served his community
22 and the State of Alabama tirelessly; his experience,
23 dedication, leadership, and integrity will be greatly missed;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell has combined a successful
26 career and family life with distinguished civic leadership,
27 earning the admiration and respect of all those who have come

1 in contact with him over three decades of service; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are privileged to commend
5 Mr. Douglas C. Purcell for extraordinary professional
6 achievement and service on the occasion of his retirement as
7 Executive Director of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission,
8 after over 30 years of service; and by copy of this resolution
9 we convey our highest esteem and best wishes in all his
10 continuing endeavors.