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3 By Representative Ford  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING GOVERNOR ROBERT BENTLEY AND STAFF FOR  
9 THEIR RESPONSE TO THE TORNADO OUTBREAK ON APRIL 27, 2011.  
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11 WHEREAS, Governor Robert Bentley declared a State of  
12 Emergency as a result of the devastating tornado outbreak in  
13 Alabama on April 27, 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley mobilized approximately  
15 1,400 Alabama National Guardsmen and numerous state agencies  
16 to provide emergency assistance to the Alabama counties  
17 impacted by the severe weather outbreak; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley activated the Governor's  
19 Recovery Response Center in the State Capitol as a central  
20 resource to help citizens obtain the information and resources  
21 they needed in the aftermath of the storm; and

22 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley established the Governor's  
23 Emergency Relief Fund to help Alabamians with unmet recovery  
24 needs that continue to unfold; and

25 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley and his staff worked  
26 tirelessly around the clock to assist the citizens of this  
27 state adversely affected by the tornadoes; and

1               WHEREAS, Governor Bentley and his staff have  
2       coordinated the work of the countless state employees under  
3       the direction of his cabinet who continue to provide public  
4       safety and human services to the survivors of the storm; and

5               WHEREAS, Governor Bentley and his staff's swift and  
6       competent response has been a beacon of light in the sea of  
7       this disaster, giving hope to survivors of this unprecedented  
8       storm; now therefore,

9               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Governor Robert Bentley and  
11       staff are honored and commended for demonstrating exceptional  
12       leadership in the wake of the tornado outbreak that struck the  
13       state on April 27, 2011.

14              BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
15       resolution be provided to our good friend and former  
16       colleague, Governor Robert Bentley, with admiration and  
17       appreciation for his efforts and those of his staff, cabinet,  
18       and other dedicated employees of the State of Alabama.