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8 COMMENDING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES H. PILLSBURY FOR  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 extending highest commendation to Lieutenant General James H.  
13 Pillsbury, a resident of Huntsville, Alabama, for exceptional  
14 professional achievement and service on the occasion of his  
15 retirement after 38 years of service to the United States  
16 Army; and

17 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Pillsbury graduated from  
18 Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, with a Bachelor of  
19 Arts Degree in History and later received a Master of Science  
20 Degree in International Relations from Troy State University;  
21 his military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic  
22 Course, the Transportation Officer Advanced Course, the United  
23 States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United  
24 States Army War College; and

25 WHEREAS, he retired from his service as the Army  
26 Materiel Command's Deputy Commanding General at Redstone  
27 Arsenal, an assignment he has held since December 2008; prior

1 to his last assignment, he served as AMC's Deputy Chief of  
2 Staff for Logistics and Operations, G-3, from July 2007 to  
3 October 2008, and he served as the Commander of the United  
4 States Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command  
5 from December 2003 to July 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, a seasoned military professional, he served  
7 in a wide variety of command and staff assignments, including  
8 joint assignments; he was commissioned as a second lieutenant  
9 in May 1973 and began his military career as a mortar platoon  
10 leader and later a support platoon leader with the 2nd  
11 Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis,  
12 Washington; he also served as a platoon leader, detachment  
13 commander, and company executive officer and commander, among  
14 many other honorable assignments; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Pillsbury has been  
16 recognized for his service with numerous awards and  
17 decorations, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal,  
18 the Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster),  
19 the Legion of Merit (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze  
20 Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf  
21 Clusters), the Joint Service Medal, the Army Commendation  
22 Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement  
23 Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with three Oak Leaf  
24 Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal (with two Bronze  
25 Stars), and the Parachutist, Senior Army Aviator, Air Assault,  
26 Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification, and Army Staff  
27 Identification Badges; and

1                   WHEREAS, known as "the godfather of life cycle  
2 management," while serving as the Commander of the Aviation  
3 and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal he organized 11,000  
4 professionals across the aviation and missile community and  
5 was instrumental in transforming aviation and missile  
6 maintenance for the entire Army; during his service with AMC,  
7 he led the task force executing the drawdown of equipment from  
8 Iraq and managed one of the most incredible logistics  
9 achievements in history, transferring from Iraq more than half  
10 of the equipment needed for the surge in Afghanistan; and

11                   WHEREAS, after his retirement he and his wife of  
12 more than three decades, Becky, plan to remain in Huntsville;  
13 in addition to his wife, Lieutenant General Pillsbury is  
14 supported by a loving family, his daughter, Katherine; his  
15 son, Michael and his wife Amanda; and a nearly 1-year-old  
16 granddaughter, Hannah; now therefore,

17                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we are privileged to commend  
19 Lieutenant General James H. Pillsbury for extraordinary  
20 professional achievement and service on the occasion of his  
21 retirement from the United States Army, after 38 years of  
22 service; and by copy of this resolution we convey our highest  
23 esteem and best wishes in all his continuing endeavors.