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3 By Representative Knight  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING DR. ROBERT EUGENE ELY FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.  
12 Robert Eugene Ely of Montgomery, Alabama, is recognized for  
13 his outstanding achievements as an educator, communicator, and  
14 journalist over the span of four decades; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Ely has announced his retirement,  
16 having embarked upon his professional life in 1971 as an  
17 editor and consultant; and

18 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include:  
19 Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees from Manchester  
20 College, Doctor of Philosophy Studies at Purdue University and  
21 Auburn University, Juris Doctorate Degree from Indiana  
22 University, and 252 hours of Continuing Legal Education in  
23 Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Ely began his employment at Alabama  
25 State University in 1984, where he has served effectively in  
26 administrative capacities and as Associate Professor of  
27 English and Humanities; he is also a highly regarded attorney

1 in private practice, an author, journalist, and award-winning  
2 poet; his extensive published writings include scholarly books  
3 and articles across a wide spectrum of subjects; and

4 WHEREAS, among his professional affiliations are the  
5 Alabama State Bar, the Academy of American Poets, the Alabama  
6 Writers' Forum, the Alabama Humanities Foundation, the  
7 American Federation of Teachers, and Phi Eta Sigma; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ely has been recognized with numerous  
9 awards, honors, and fellowships, most notably a Fulbright  
10 Fellowship in 2002; he is included in the Directory of  
11 American Poets and Fiction Writers, Who's Who in American  
12 Education, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the World,  
13 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century, and many other  
14 prestigious listings; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition, he is an elder in Westminster  
16 Presbyterian Church (USA) and has been active in civic  
17 organizations and worthy community causes; and

18 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,  
19 he has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and  
20 unwavering commitment to his fellowman; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his many  
23 outstanding achievements and dedicated service, highest  
24 commendation is herein extended to Dr. Robert Eugene Ely, for  
25 whom a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our  
26 esteem and appreciation, along with best wishes as he begins  
27 his well-deserved retirement years.

