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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Ball, Patterson, McCutcheon,  
4 Williams (P), Johnson (W) and Hall  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 24-MAY-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           COMMENDING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES H. PILLSBURY FOR  
4 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

20           WHEREAS, he retired from his service as the Army  
21 Materiel Command's Deputy Commanding General at Redstone  
22 Arsenal, an assignment he has held since December 2008; prior  
23 to his last assignment, he served as AMC's Deputy Chief of  
24 Staff for Logistics and Operations, G-3, from July 2007 to  
25 October 2008, and he served as the Commander of the United

1 States Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command  
2 from December 2003 to July 2007; and

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 25-MAY-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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31-MAY-11

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