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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Ball, Williams (P), Johnson
4 (W), Sanderford, Patterson and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 31-MAY-11

8 COMMENDING SUE HELMS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
9 AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein extended to
12 Sue Helms in recognition of her outstanding achievements and
13 dedicated service to education and the State of Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Helms is retiring from her position as
15 president of the Madison City Board of Education in May 2011,
16 having served a total of 18 years on the Madison City Board of
17 Education and the Madison County Board of Education; and

18 WHEREAS, she also served as president of the Alabama
19 Association of School Boards (AASB) based in Montgomery; Mrs.
20 Helms assumed the presidency in 2007 as the fourth woman to
21 lead this organization, which was founded in 1949 to represent
22 and advocate for the state's local school boards; and

23 WHEREAS, an active member of the AASB's
24 Executive/Legislative Committee, she previously served four
25 years on the Resolutions Committee; due to her commitment to
26 the training and academic opportunities offered through AASB's

1 School Board Member Academy, she has reached the academy's
2 Master Level; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Helms has served for a number of years
4 as a member of the National School Boards Association's (NSBA)
5 Federal Relations Network and as a participant in the NSBA
6 Technology and Learning group and the National Association for
7 Year-Round Education initiatives; and

8 WHEREAS, among her additional roles of civic
9 leadership, she has been diligently involved with the
10 Republican Women of Madison, as a member of the State
11 Superintendent of Education's Report Card Committee, and on
12 the Huntsville/Madison County Mental Health Association Board;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Helms is a graduate of the
15 Huntsville/Madison County Leadership Class 10; she and her
16 husband, Larry, are the proud parents of two daughters,
17 Kristen and Allison; and

18 WHEREAS, through the years, she has earned respect
19 for her exceptional abilities and unwavering commitment to the
20 ideals of public education; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That highest commendation is herein
23 conveyed to Sue Helms, for whom a copy of this resolution is
24 provided with admiration and appreciation on the occasion of
25 her retirement as president of the Madison City Board of
26 Education, along with warm best wishes in all future
27 endeavors.

