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3 By Representatives Bracy and Buskey
4 RFD: Rules
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8 HONORING ULYSSES S. REED, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
11 recognize Ulysses S. Reed, Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Mobile, Alabama, he attends
13 Holmes Street Missionary Baptist Church in Prichard, Alabama,
14 and is a devoted family man who has been married for 24 years
15 to Gwendolyn Lang Reed and is the proud father of four
16 children; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a highly decorated veteran who served
18 with honor and distinction in the United States Army for 13
19 years with three combat tours in Vietnam, and he was honored
20 with three Bronze Star Medals for Heroism, the Army
21 Commendation Medal for Heroism, the Air Medal for Meritorious
22 Achievement While Participating in Aerial Flight, and the
23 Purple Heart Medal; he received his honorable discharge in
24 1975, holding the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a retiree of the United States Postal
26 Service, where he was a letter carrier for 28 years, and he
27 remains an active member of the National Association of Letter

1 Carriers Postal Union, serving 10 years as financial
2 secretary; during his employment, he received several awards
3 for superior performance including the Expert Driver Award for
4 25 years of exceptional safe driving; and

5 WHEREAS, Noble Ulysses S. Reed, Jr., began his
6 Masonic career when he was raised in Clarence Kimbrough Lodge
7 111, Augsburg, Germany, in 1974, and created in Aswan Temple
8 115, Frankfurt, Germany, in 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, upon his return to Mobile, he transferred
10 his membership to Palestine Temple 18 and all other Masonic
11 Houses; his love of Shrinedom is well-known throughout the
12 Imperial Domain; he was appointed Deputy of the Oasis in 1992
13 and received the Deputy of the Oasis Award for that year; he
14 was appointed Deputy of the Desert in 1993 and has served
15 diligently; he is a loyal and dedicated member of the Deep
16 South Shrine Coalition, having served as president, and is
17 presently enjoying serving as Chief Negotiator; during his
18 tenure as president, he was the first to suggest "A Joint
19 Hospitality" for The Deep South, a highly anticipated event
20 scheduled at the 119th Imperial Session in New Orleans,
21 Louisiana; and

22 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect
23 for his exceptional abilities and tireless dedication, and he
24 is truly deserving of special recognition on the occasion of
25 the annual Desert Conference meeting in March 2012 in
26 Montgomery, Alabama; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Ulysses
3 S. Reed, Jr., for his outstanding achievements, and this
4 resolution is offered in admiration and appreciation to him,
5 along with best wishes for continuing success in all future
6 endeavors.