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4 ENROLLED, SJR26,

5 COMMENDING DR. DWAIN RUSH FOR OUTSTANDING  
6 ACHIEVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
9 herein conveyed to Dr. Dwain Rush in recognition of his  
10 outstanding achievement in providing the Clay County community  
11 with excellent health care during 37 and a half years of  
12 devoted practice; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Rush, who has been a long time friend  
14 and health care provider of the Clay County Community, retired  
15 at age 64 on December 28, 2011; the son of Fred and Nita Rush  
16 and one of six brothers, he developed a strong work ethic at  
17 an early age working on his family's farm outside of the  
18 Mellow Valley Community; and

19 WHEREAS, with much dedication, he felt strongly  
20 compelled to practice Family Medicine in his hometown; he  
21 graduated from Auburn University with honors in three years  
22 and was accepted to Medical School a year early; and

23 WHEREAS, in Auburn, he met the love of his life and  
24 wife of 37 years, Anna Marie; the couple married in 1971 and  
25 welcomed two lovely daughters, Marie and Michelle; before he

1 finished Medical School, they bought a 156-acre farm, Double  
2 Branch Farms, which, with their hard work, has expanded into a  
3 1,200 acre operation with 200 head of cattle; throughout the  
4 years, they have hired students to work on their farm and  
5 served as exceptional mentors; in 1974, they settled in Clay  
6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, after attending Medical School, he received  
8 post-graduate training at Savannah Memorial Medical Center; he  
9 was certified by the American Board of Family Practice and a  
10 Fellow of AAFP; he was invited to become a partner at  
11 Lineville Clinic with Dr. George C. Smith, Sr., with whom he  
12 enjoyed a close working relationship for 30 years; after Dr.  
13 George C. Smith, Sr., retired, his son, Dr. Buddy Smith,  
14 became Dr. Rush's partner; they ran the successful practice  
15 with the help of Melissa Morrow, CRNP; and

16 WHEREAS, a compassionate caregiver, Dr. Rush worked  
17 in Clay County Hospital ER where he performed surgeries and  
18 delivered babies, a highly rewarding aspect of his career; Dr.  
19 Rush also spent time working in nursing homes; as a retiree,  
20 he will still visit the clinic and do some part-time work; on  
21 this new journey in his life, he wants to spend more time with  
22 his family, travel, and possibly do some mission work in the  
23 lower Appalachians; with much benevolence and altruism, Dr.  
24 Rush has cared for others over the years; his efforts, work,

1       and values are exemplary; an extraordinary role model, he is  
2       truly deserving of his well-earned retirement; now therefore,

3               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a great pleasure to  
5       extend commendations and congratulations to Dr. Dwain Rush for  
6       his outstanding achievement in providing the Clay County  
7       community with excellent health care during 37 and a half  
8       years of devoted practice and, by copy of this resolution of  
9       tribute, we convey our admiration and appreciation, along with  
10      best wishes in all future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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