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3 By Senator Dial  
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COMMENDING DR. DWAIN RUSH FOR OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in Auburn, he met the love of his life and  
wife of 37 years, Anna Marie; the couple married in 1971 and  
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,

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a great pleasure to extend commendations and congratulations to Dr. Dwain Rush for his outstanding achievement in providing the Clay County community with excellent health care during 37 and a half years of devoted practice and, by copy of this resolution of tribute, we convey our admiration and appreciation, along with 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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9 I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
10 originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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17 House of Representatives

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