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3 By Representatives Ison, Barton, Fincher, Mitchell, Sessions,
4 Buskey, Davis, Kennedy, Bracy, McMillan, Baker, Faust and
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8 COMMENDING SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE VICTOR GASTON FOR
9 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.
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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein conveyed to the honorable Victor Gaston, Speaker Pro
13 Tempore of the Alabama House of Representatives, in
14 recognition of receiving the 2012 University of South Alabama
15 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award; and

16 WHEREAS, from his contributions in the classroom to
17 his leadership in the Alabama House of Representatives, Victor
18 Gaston has served the Mobile region and his alma mater for
19 decades; he received his bachelor's degree from the University
20 of Southern Mississippi, his master's in education from the
21 University of South Alabama, and doctorate in education from
22 Auburn University; and

23 WHEREAS, as a teacher and later assistant principal
24 in the Mobile County Public Schools for 25 years, Gaston
25 inspired a generation of students to engage in community
26 service; during his educational career, he also served in the
27 Marine Corps Reserve and the Alabama National Guard; and

1 WHEREAS, despite his busy schedule, Gaston also made
2 time to serve USA as a board member of the National Alumni
3 Association; he and his wife, Jean, fund a book scholarship
4 for USA students; Gaston is an ordained deacon and a member of
5 the sanctuary choir at Spring Hill Baptist Church; he is also
6 a member of Phi Delta Kappa, has served as delegate to six
7 consecutive Republican National Conventions, the Rules
8 Committee in 1988, the Credentials Committee in 2000, and
9 served two terms on the National Republican Legislators Board;
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11 WHEREAS, he serves as a board member of many area
12 non-profit and volunteer organizations, including Volunteers
13 of America, Penelope House, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce,
14 and the Mobile Museum of Fine Arts; and

15 WHEREAS, as a recipient of numerous awards and
16 honors, Gaston has received Alabama Republican Party
17 Legislative Honors, Humanitarian of the Year for service to
18 those with physical and mental disabilities, Alabama Senior
19 Citizens' Hall of Fame Stateman's Award, and Legislator of the
20 Year Award by the Adoptive Parent Associations; most recently,
21 Representative Gaston was honored by the Mobile County
22 Republican Executive Committee with a Lifetime Achievement
23 Award; and

24 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Jean, have two sons and
25 six grandsons; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a great pleasure to

1 extend commendations and congratulations to Speaker Victor
2 Gaston for receiving the 2012 University of South Alabama
3 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award; we convey our
4 admiration and appreciation, along with best wishes in all
5 future endeavors.