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3       By Senators Ross, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,  
4       Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,  
5       Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,  
6       McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,  
7       Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley  
8       and Williams  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR47,

5 COMMENDING OCTAVIA SPENCER FOR WINNING AN ACADEMY  
6 AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS.  
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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are hereby extended  
9 to Ms. Octavia Spencer, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, for  
10 her role as Minny, the outspoken maid in the 2011 film, "The  
11 Help," for which she received an Academy Award for Best  
12 Supporting Actress; and

13 WHEREAS, in her gracious and emotional acceptance of  
14 the award, Ms. Spencer proudly recognized her Alabama  
15 connection, and became only the second native Alabamian to win  
16 an Academy Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer graduated in 1988, from  
18 Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, Alabama, where she  
19 was a member of the drama club, and received a bachelor's  
20 degree in Liberal Arts from Auburn University where she  
21 majored in English and double minored in journalism and  
22 theater; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer paid her dues working behind  
24 the scenes as a member of the production crew on  
25 Made-in-Alabama films "Tom and Huck," "The Grass Harp," and

1 "Cobb" before she earned a speaking part with Sandra Bullock  
2 in "A Time to Kill"; and

3 WHEREAS, while making "A Time to Kill," Spencer  
4 became friends with Mississippi filmmaker Tate Taylor, who  
5 introduced her to "The Help" author Kathryn Stockett, a  
6 University of Alabama graduate; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer has appeared in the movies  
8 "Being John Malkovich," "Big Momma's House," "Spider Man,"  
9 "Bad Santa," "Coach Carter," "Miss Congeniality 2," "Seven  
10 Pounds," "The Soloist," and "Dinner for Schmucks," as well as  
11 numerous television series; and

12 WHEREAS, for her portrayal of the feisty and  
13 unflappable Minny Jackson in "The Help," Ms. Spencer was  
14 recognized with the 2012 Golden Globe and a BAFTA for Best  
15 Supporting Actress for her performance, culminating in her  
16 winning the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer indeed brings pride and honor  
18 to the State of Alabama, and is deserving of the highest  
19 praise for her accomplishments; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and  
22 commend Ms. Octavia Spencer, a native of Montgomery, Alabama,  
23 for her signature accomplishment in winning an Academy Award  
24 and for her distinguished body of work in theater, and it is

1        directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to her  
2        with our sincere tribute and praise.

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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  
Adopted: 20-MAR-12

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By: Senator Ross