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3 By Representatives Boyd, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn,  
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bracy, Bridges, Brown,  
5 Burdine, Buskey, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clouse, Coleman,  
6 Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, England, Farley,  
7 Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Galliher, Gaston, Givan, Greer,  
8 Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes,  
9 Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison, Jackson,  
10 Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Kennedy, Knight,  
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,  
15 Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,  
16 Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway,  
17 Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams  
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

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8 HONORING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TERRI SEWELL  
9 FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.  
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
12 United States Representative Terri Sewell in recognition of  
13 her outstanding accomplishments and dedicated public service  
14 over the span of many years; and

15 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, she became the first  
16 African-American woman to represent the State of Alabama in  
17 Congress, the most recent in a series of trailblazing  
18 achievements dating back to her student days, when she was the  
19 first Black valedictorian of Selma High School; and

20 WHEREAS, a 1986 Cum Laude graduate of Princeton  
21 University, she was awarded a Marshall/Commonwealth  
22 Scholarship and received a Master's Degree with First Class  
23 Honors from Oxford University in 1988; and

24 WHEREAS, after graduating in 1992 from Harvard Law  
25 School, where she served as editor of the Civil Rights Civil  
26 Liberties Law Review, she served as a judicial law clerk in

1 the United States District Court, Northern District of  
2 Alabama, in Birmingham; and

3 WHEREAS, she began her legal career at the  
4 prestigious law firm of Davis, Polk, and Wardwell in New York  
5 City and was a successful securities lawyer for more than a  
6 decade; and

7 WHEREAS, upon returning to Alabama in 2004, she has  
8 made a significant impact both professionally and through her  
9 community activities; and

10 WHEREAS, she was recently a partner in the  
11 Birmingham law office of Maynard, Cooper, and Gale, P.C.,  
12 where she distinguished herself as one of the few Black public  
13 finance lawyers in the State of Alabama; she is the daughter  
14 of retired Coach Andrew A. Sewell and retired librarian Nancy  
15 Gardner Sewell, the first Black City Councilwoman in Selma;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, she has earned respect  
18 for her exceptional abilities, along with admiration for her  
19 unwavering commitment to worthy causes, to our cherished  
20 Democracy, and to the highest ideals of the legal profession;  
21 she is truly deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon  
22 her at the 2012 Scholarship Banquet of the Anniston-Calhoun  
23 County Alumni Chapter of Alabama State University; now  
24 therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That United States Representative  
27 Terri Sewell is most highly honored and commended for her

1        outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service, and this  
2        resolution is offered in deepest appreciation to her, along  
3        with best wishes for success in all future endeavors.