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3 By Representatives McClammy, England, Knight, Holmes, Colston,  
4 Melton, Forte, Warren, Jackson, Boyd, Grimsley, Bracy,  
5 Kennedy, Buskey, Robinson (O), Scott, Moore (M), Rogers and  
6 Givan  
7 RFD:  
8 First Read: 12-APR-12

8 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DEMETRIUS C. NEWTON.  
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10 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
11 herein proudly extended to Representative Demetrius C. Newton  
12 in recognition of his outstanding achievement of obtaining the  
13 winning verdict in the landmark court case Williams v.  
14 Wallace; and

15 WHEREAS, the verdict he obtained upheld the rights  
16 of citizens to demonstrate peaceably for the purpose of  
17 redressing their grievances concerning the right to register  
18 to vote in the State of Alabama without lawful interference;  
19 as a result, this verdict facilitated the March from Selma to  
20 Montgomery which led to the enactment of the Voter's Right  
21 Bill; and

22 WHEREAS, during his twenty-six year tenure as a  
23 member of the Alabama House of Representatives, Representative  
24 Newton has exhibited exemplary character that has advanced the  
25 rights of all citizens of the State of Alabama; and

1                   WHEREAS, the precedence created by the verdict he  
2 attained resulted in the election of numerous state  
3 legislators in Alabama and throughout the nation; and

4                   WHEREAS, a resolute and decorated individual, he is  
5 a source of pride to the state; with a commitment to  
6 excellence in serving the citizens of Alabama, he is truly  
7 deserving of this significant honor bestowed upon him; now  
8 therefore,

9                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Representative Demetrius C.  
11 Newton is highly honored and commended for his outstanding  
12 achievement of obtaining the winning verdict in the landmark  
13 court case Williams v. Wallace, and this resolution is offered  
14 to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with best  
15 wishes for all future endeavors.