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

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 08-MAY-12

8 COMMENDING REBEKAH KEITH MCKINNEY.
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10 WHEREAS, Rebekah Keith McKinney has the distinction
11 of being the first female president of the Alabama Association
12 for Justice, also known as the ALAJ; and

13 WHEREAS, while president, she has guided the
14 association through a sometimes trying year with pride,
15 sincerity, humble heart, joyful soul, quick smile, and firm
16 handshake; and

17 WHEREAS, being the mother of three sons -- Sam,
18 Griffin, and John -- gave her the patience often needed to
19 oversee the association's male-majority membership; and

20 WHEREAS, during her tenure, she oversaw ALAJ's move
21 into its first real home and became an expert on the
22 Historical Society's rules, right down to specialty paint
23 colors and window replacement; and

24 WHEREAS, as president, she guided ALAJ through
25 tumultuous political waters at the State House, always an
26 earnest and formidable champion of justice for all; and

1 WHEREAS, she served as an advocate for lawyers,
2 reaching out to all ALAJ members to offer advice when needed,
3 consultation when sought, and condolences when necessary; and

4 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Alabama Appleseed
5 Center for Law and Justice, has served as Treasurer of the
6 Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association, Secretary and Vice
7 Chair of the Board of Directors for the Early Works Museum in
8 Huntsville, as Finance Vice President and Treasurer of the
9 Junior League of Huntsville, and as a member of the Board of
10 Directors of the Alabama Constitution Village Foundation; and

11 WHEREAS, she has traveled hundreds of miles from her
12 Huntsville home in the past year, is on a first-name basis
13 with the staff at the Renaissance, and most bartenders and
14 waiters around Montgomery have learned that she wants ice in
15 her beverages, all of her beverages; and

16 WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of Buck Watson
17 would be hard for anyone, but as president of the Alabama
18 Association for Justice, Rebekah Keith McKinney has filled his
19 size 13W shoes, has worn them with honor, and has used them to
20 kick those who refused to get out of her way; and

21 WHEREAS, she has sent a loud, clear message to the
22 female members of ALAJ and showed them that anything is
23 possible through hard work, compassion, commitment, and a
24 solid belief in what trial lawyers do for a living; now
25 therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Rebekah Keith McKinney is most

1 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
2 in admiration and appreciation to her as the first female
3 president of the Alabama Association for Justice, along with
4 best wishes in all future endeavors.