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3       By Representatives Merrill, Poole, England and Harper  
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8 COMMENDING SHERIFF EDMUND M. SEXTON, SR., FOR  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.  
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
12 Sheriff Edmund M. "Ted" Sexton, Sr., of Tuscaloosa, Alabama,  
13 in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments during a  
14 distinguished law enforcement career spanning more than 30  
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sexton has accepted a position in  
17 California with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,  
18 where he will be head of the Homeland Security Division; and

19 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sexton was serving his fifth term  
20 as Sheriff of Tuscaloosa County, having first been elected in  
21 1990; he is credited with many improvements to the office,  
22 including modernization of facilities and techniques; under  
23 his leadership, the county was the first in Alabama to  
24 implement an Amber Alert program; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sexton also led the way to  
26 establishing mutual aid regional teams of First Responder

1 agencies in the area, laying a framework that was most  
2 beneficial in dealing with the devastating tornado outbreak of  
3 April 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sexton takes justifiable pride in  
5 the department's community policing programs, school and  
6 business partnerships, and a new paramedic program; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of The University of Alabama,  
8 his law enforcement credentials encompass numerous seminars  
9 and specialty training schools, including the FBI National  
10 Academy, Homeland Security Executive Leadership Conducted by  
11 the Naval Post Graduate School, Senior Executives in State and  
12 Local Government, the National Sheriffs' Institute, The  
13 University of Alabama Law Enforcement Academy, and The  
14 National Leadership Preparedness, Harvard University John F.  
15 Kennedy School of Government; he was selected to serve as  
16 Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement with  
17 the United States Department of Homeland Security from January  
18 2008 to October 2009, and has attended terrorism seminars in  
19 England, Israel, and Pakistan; and

20 WHEREAS, among his well-deserved awards and  
21 recognitions, he was selected the Nation's Outstanding Sheriff  
22 of the Year for 2007 by the National Sheriff's Association;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, through the years, Sheriff Sexton has  
25 earned respect for his exceptional abilities and tireless  
26 dedication; his contributions to law enforcement, to

1 Tuscaloosa County, and to the State of Alabama are  
2 far-reaching and innumerable, and he is truly worthy of the  
3 significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Sheriff Edmund M. Sexton,  
6 Sr., is most highly commended, and this resolution is offered  
7 in admiration and appreciation to him, along with best wishes  
8 for the future, as he undertakes his new position with the Los  
9 Angeles County Sheriff's Department as Head of the Homeland  
10 Security Division.