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3 By Representatives Johnson (R), Hurst and Boyd  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING SHERIFF JERRY WAYNE STUDDARD OF TALLADEGA  
9 COUNTY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
12 Sheriff Jerry Wayne Studdard in recognition of his outstanding  
13 achievements and dedicated service during an exemplary law  
14 enforcement career spanning almost four decades; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 15, 2013, he became Supernumerary  
16 Sheriff of Talladega County, having begun as a deputy in 1974  
17 and being elected Sheriff for nine consecutive terms,  
18 1978-2010; and

19 WHEREAS, he is the longest serving sheriff in the  
20 history of Talladega County and one of the longest serving  
21 sheriffs in the history of the State of Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, born on January 20, 1943, he is the son of  
23 Anthony Studdard and Lena Brewer Studdard and grew up in the  
24 Mardisville community of Talladega County, becoming an  
25 accomplished rodeo cowboy and cattleman on the family farm; he  
26 is a graduate of Winterboro High School and Jacksonville State  
27 Police Academy; and

1           WHEREAS, among his accomplishments as Sheriff, he  
2           oversaw two major county jail projects, spearheading the new  
3           County Jail in 1993 and the expansion project in 2011 that  
4           included the metro jail concept; and

5           WHEREAS, during his tenure in office, the Talladega  
6           County Sheriff's Department expanded from five Correctional  
7           Officers to 50 and from 23 total employees to 106, with deputy  
8           cars increasing in number from 21 to 60; and

9           WHEREAS, Sheriff Studdard worked closely with the  
10          District Attorney and Municipal Police Chiefs to create the  
11          Talladega County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force; and

12          WHEREAS, Sheriff Studdard was instrumental in  
13          bringing together municipal and county leaders to create the  
14          Consolidated Dispatch System that is in use throughout  
15          Talladega County; and

16          WHEREAS, Sheriff Studdard is credited with  
17          developing a countless number of deputies who later became  
18          police chiefs and other lead law enforcement administrative  
19          officers throughout the State of Alabama; and

20          WHEREAS, Sheriff Studdard has earned respect for  
21          serving with honor and integrity while dedicating his entire  
22          professional life to law enforcement; with his exceptional  
23          abilities and unwavering commitment, he personifies the finest  
24          qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly  
25          deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

26          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Supernumerary Sheriff Jerry

1 Wayne Studdard of Talladega County is hereby most highly  
2 honored and commended, and it is directed that a copy of this  
3 resolution be provided to him as evidence of the esteem in  
4 which he is held.