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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.