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3       By Representatives Gaston, Ison, Buskey, Sessions, Bracy,  
4       Barton, Fincher, Davis, Faust, Baker, Shiver, McMillan and  
5       Beech  
6       RFD:  
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8 COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA PRESIDENT  
9 GORDON MOULTON FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.  
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11 WHEREAS, President Gordon Moulton has given more  
12 than 46 years of unwavering service to the University of South  
13 Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, President Moulton joined USA in its infancy  
15 as one of the institution's early faculty members in business  
16 and computing; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his career as an educator  
18 that began at USA in 1966, Gordon Moulton has served in  
19 numerous leadership roles at the University, including  
20 director of the computer center, founding dean of the School  
21 of Computing, vice president for services and planning, and,  
22 for the past 15 years, as USA's second president; and

23 WHEREAS, long before being named president, Gordon  
24 Moulton was a vital force in the growth and progress of the  
25 University as a senior member of USA's central leadership team  
26 and a vital asset to the University's first president; and

1           WHEREAS, President Moulton, as USA's chief executive  
2 officer, has provided exceptional leadership to the  
3 University, raising it to unprecedented levels of  
4 accomplishment in all its diverse missions -- teaching,  
5 research, service, and health care -- touching the lives of  
6 countless people served by the institution; and

7           WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Moulton,  
8 the University has achieved significant milestones in every  
9 area, including student enrollment and graduation, academic  
10 program development, health care delivery, enhancement of  
11 student life and the campus environment, research funding,  
12 private sector giving, community involvement, and economic  
13 enhancement; and

14           WHEREAS, during President Moulton's tenure, the  
15 University has experienced unprecedented growth as  
16 demonstrated by the more than 15,000 students enrolled at the  
17 institution, 75,000 degrees awarded throughout its history,  
18 and 250,000 patients treated each year by the USA Health  
19 System; and

20           WHEREAS, the Civitan Club of Mobile has recognized  
21 President Moulton by naming him the 2002 Mobilian of the Year  
22 on the basis of his efforts to maximize the University's  
23 positive impact on meeting the needs of the Mobile region; and

24           WHEREAS, this region has been forever enhanced by  
25 the many innovations championed by President Moulton,  
26 including the creation and development of the USA Mitchell  
27 Cancer Institute, the USA Technology and Research Park, and

1 major expansion of the USA Children's and Women's Hospital, as  
2 well as his many other contributions to education, cultural  
3 activities, and economic development; and

4 WHEREAS, under the direction of President Moulton,  
5 the University has been transformed by \$500 million in campus  
6 construction and improvements that have touched every academic  
7 area and mission of USA; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Geri Moulton likewise has contributed  
9 generously of her many talents, time, and energy to countless  
10 University projects, including the Geri Moulton Children's  
11 Park, and has advocated for many worthy causes on behalf of  
12 both the University and the Mobile community; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to more than 46 years of  
14 service, the Moultons have supported USA with more than \$7  
15 million in gifts toward numerous institutional priorities,  
16 including the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute, Moulton Bell  
17 Tower and Alumni Plaza, Geri Moulton Children's Park at USA  
18 Children's and Women's Hospital, student scholarships, faculty  
19 support, USA's creative writing program, athletics, and many  
20 others; and

21 WHEREAS, the Moultons' service was forever  
22 commemorated in 2009 with the naming by USA's Board of  
23 Trustees as the new landmark Gordon and Geri Moulton Bell  
24 Tower and Alumni Plaza; and

25 WHEREAS, President Moulton is one of Alabama's  
26 leading champions of higher education, whose advocacy for  
27 advanced learning has improved the lives of all citizens; and

1               WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement from the  
2               University, effective July 1, 2013; and

3               WHEREAS, USA's 50th Anniversary celebration on May  
4               3, 2013 -- 50 years to the day since the founding of the  
5               University on May 3, 1963 -- is a fitting time to acknowledge  
6               a lifetime of good works that have played such a significant  
7               role in the growth and progress of the University of South  
8               Alabama and, thereby, made a transformational positive impact  
9               on the quality of life of countless people across the State of  
10              Alabama, the Gulf Coast region, and the nation; now therefore,

11              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
12              THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize May 3, 2013, as  
13              Gordon Moulton Day in the State of Alabama, and it is directed  
14              that a copy of this resolution be provided to him as evidence  
15              of the esteem in which he is held.