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3 By Representative Boothe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING COLONEL GRAHAM W. FOUNTAIN FOR HIS
9 EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE AND HONORING HIS DISTINGUISHED FAMILY
10 HISTORY IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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12 WHEREAS, Colonel Graham W. Fountain graduated from
13 Troy University in 1984 with a Degree in Criminal
14 Justice/Political Science and went on to serve with
15 exceptional commitment and competence for more than 28 years
16 in various law enforcement roles; and

17 WHEREAS, Colonel Fountain is retiring from active
18 law enforcement and his position as Chief of Staff for the
19 Walton County Sheriff's Office; and

20 WHEREAS, Colonel Fountain has served in executive
21 positions in the State of Florida and Okaloosa and Walton
22 Counties including Director of Law Enforcement for the Florida
23 Department of Transportation, Undersheriff for Okaloosa
24 County, Director of Law Enforcement Operations for the Walton
25 County Sheriff's Office, Chief Investigator for the State
26 Comptroller's Office, and Law Enforcement Investigator II with
27 the State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner, continuously

1 providing exemplary leadership and management that benefitted
2 citizens and visitors alike; and

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Fountain also served in various
4 public safety positions including six-year Commissioner and
5 Chair of the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Agency
6 Accreditation, Florida Ports Security Standards Council,
7 Homeland Security Advisory Council for the Northern District
8 of Florida, State Domestic Security Statewide Working Group,
9 two-term president of the State Law Enforcement Chiefs
10 Association, and is serving his second term as Commissioner on
11 the Florida State Historical Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Fountain's family has a
13 distinguished history in the State of Alabama; his ancestors
14 Noah and Robert Jackson Fountain owned large plantations in
15 Dale and Coffee Counties prior to and during the Civil War
16 years, and Noah Fountain served two terms in the Alabama House
17 of Representatives from 1859-1862; Mark L. Marsh and Georgia
18 Wall Marsh and their descendants owned businesses and farming
19 interests in Coffee County from 1868 to the present;
20 great-grandparents, Robert Walter and Sallie Marsh Fountain
21 owned businesses in Elba and Florala; and

22 WHEREAS, Colonel Fountain's father, Dr. Robert
23 Graham Fountain, and grandfather, Graham Walter Fountain, were
24 born and reared in Covington County, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Fountain continues to be a
26 dedicated supporter and ambassador for the State of Alabama
27 through his alumni activities with Troy University, the Sound

1 of the South Alumni, the Troy University Alumni Chapter of the
2 Emerald Coast, and his historical research and genealogical
3 activities in Alabama; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend
6 Colonel Graham W. Fountain for his many accomplishments and
7 notable record of public service, and this resolution is
8 offered in highest tribute to him along with best wishes as he
9 begins his well-deserved retirement years.