

1 HJR105  
2 157657-1  
3 By Representative McCutcheon  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 30-JAN-14

8 COMMENDING BILLY MITCHEM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED  
9 CAREER AND DEDICATED SERVICE.  
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11 WHEREAS, Billy Mitchem served the people of Alabama  
12 as a dedicated employee with the Alabama Department of  
13 Corrections for 31 years; and

14 WHEREAS, he retired as warden of the Limestone  
15 Correctional Facility in Capshaw, a position he held from 2001  
16 until May 2012, having previously served the state in many  
17 capacities, including two stints at the prison, the first as  
18 captain from 1986-1994, followed by serving as director of  
19 Decatur Work Release and deputy warden at Donaldson  
20 Correctional Facility in Bessemer before returning to  
21 Limestone as warden; and

22 WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments, he was  
23 instrumental in implementing the only prerelease program for  
24 inmates with 90 to 120 days left of their sentence; this  
25 meritorious program involves pairing inmates with teachers,  
26 social workers, and volunteers in an effort to reintegrate the  
27 released inmates back into society; he also encouraged inmates

1 to receive training through trade school classes and to enroll  
2 in substance-abuse programs if necessary; and

3 WHEREAS, through the years, Billy Mitchum earned  
4 respect for being stern but fair, and he was greatly admired  
5 by colleagues, who considered him an excellent mentor,  
6 exemplifying the highest standards of public service through  
7 the corrections system; his contributions to the State of  
8 Alabama are far-reaching and innumerable, and he is truly  
9 deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Billy Mitchem is hereby most  
12 highly honored and commended for his many achievements during  
13 31 years of dedicated service to the State of Alabama, and  
14 this resolution is offered to him in admiration and  
15 appreciation, along with best wishes in retirement from his  
16 position as warden of Limestone Correctional Facility in  
17 Capshaw.