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3 By Representative Hill
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING GARY RAY FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Gary Ray for outstanding professional achievement
13 on the occasion of his retirement from the Alabama Department
14 of Transportation as a Registered Alabama Professional
15 Engineer and Land Surveyor after 40 years and four months of
16 exceptional service; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray is a distinguished 1974 graduate of
18 The University of Alabama, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree
19 in Civil Engineering and received significant honors including
20 induction into Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and Chi
21 Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society; and

22 WHEREAS, he embarked upon his remarkable tenure with
23 the Alabama Highway Department as a member of Construction
24 staff; throughout his career, he served as a Project Engineer
25 and Assistant County Engineer with Shelby County Highway
26 Department, where he worked for his father, longtime County
27 Engineer James L. Ray, Jr.; served as Shelby County Engineer;

1 and served as Alabama Department of Transportation District
2 Engineer for Third Division, District Five (Shelby County);
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4 WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Mr. Ray has been a
5 faithful and devoted member of First Baptist Church in
6 Columbiana, where he has served as a longtime Royal Ambassador
7 Counselor, impacting many young men for Christ and serving as
8 a positive role model; and

9 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Linda, have been married
10 since 1975, and their blissful union has been blessed with
11 three children, Melanie, Aubrey, and Aindrea and six
12 grandchildren; Mr. Ray is known for his incredible sense of
13 humor; and

14 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Ray has earned
15 immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
16 abilities, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;
17 now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Gary Ray is highly honored
20 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
21 deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best
22 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.