

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

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING BILLY MITCHEM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED
4 CAREER AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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6 WHEREAS, Billy Mitchem served the people of Alabama
7 as a dedicated employee with the Alabama Department of
8 Corrections for 31 years; and

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

17 WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments, he was
18 instrumental in implementing the only prerelease program for
19 inmates with 90 to 120 days left of their sentence; this
20 meritorious program involves pairing inmates with teachers,
21 social workers, and volunteers in an effort to reintegrate the
22 released inmates back into society; he also encouraged inmates
23 to receive training through trade school classes and to enroll
24 in substance-abuse programs if necessary; and

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 11-FEB-14.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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