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3 By Representative Bridges
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8 COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD J. LAIRD FOR
9 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12 Representative Richard J. Laird is recognized for his longtime
13 service to the people of the State of Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, first elected in 1978, he ably serves the
15 people of House District 37 in Chambers, Clay, and Randolph
16 Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, a graduate of The University of Alabama, he
18 serves as President of Ranco Inc., Real Estate and
19 Development; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served as a former Member of the
21 Roanoke City Council, past Chairman of the Roanoke United
22 Givers Fund, Randolph County Chairman of the Boy Scouts of
23 America and Past President of Roanoke Area Chamber of
24 Commerce, and he holds membership with the Alabama Farmers
25 Federation, the Alabama and Randolph County Cattlemen's
26 Association, and Farm Bureau;

1 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Peggy, have a son, Joel;
2 he is a member of the Handley Avenue Church of God and
3 Randolph County Camp of Gideons International; and

4 WHEREAS, a dedicated and effective public servant,
5 Representative Laird has served with exceptional capability on
6 a number of House committees; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Laird has worked tirelessly
8 to improve the lives of all Alabamians, and his decision not
9 to seek reelection in 2014 is acknowledged with deep regret by
10 his friends and fellow members of the House of
11 Representatives; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most highly commend
14 Representative Richard J. Laird for his meritorious 36 years
15 of service, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
16 be presented to him in admiration and appreciation, along with
17 best wishes for success and happiness in all future endeavors.