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3 By Senators Pittman, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 11-MAR-15

8 COMMENDING ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION FOR 60 YEARS OF
9 EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF ALABAMA.
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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature created the Alabama
12 Educational Television Commission in 1953 for the purpose of
13 making the benefits of educational television available to and
14 promoting its use by inhabitants of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, the implementation of a state educational
16 television network in Alabama was the first such network in
17 the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television marks its 60th
19 year of service in 2015, broadcasting three full channels of
20 educational programming 24 hours per day, providing learning
21 opportunities to Alabamians of all ages; and

22 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television brings a wide
23 variety of national, international, and Alabama-produced
24 programs to the schools and homes of this state; and

25 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television serves as
26 Alabama's storyteller, producing and supporting the production

1 and broadcast of award-winning programming that highlights the
2 people, places, and industry of Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television provides
4 extensive unbiased coverage of Alabama's state government and
5 elected officials through its public affairs programming; and

6 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television serves children
7 throughout Alabama with high quality, pre-school programming
8 developed by educators that is proven to increase children's
9 vocabulary, reading, math, and science knowledge and prepare
10 them for success in school; and

11 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television provides more
12 than 10,000 free books each year to children in Alabama as
13 part of its work with pre-school programs and childcare
14 centers to promote early literacy education; and

15 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television provides Alabama
16 classrooms and homeschoolers with free online access to
17 thousands of hours of educational videos, lesson plans, and
18 other teaching resources; and

19 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television provides
20 professional development opportunities to school
21 administrators, teachers, and childcare providers and trains
22 them on the effective use of digital assets in the classroom;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television's electronic
25 field trips to our nation's cultural and historic sites,
26 combining video and web technologies, have recently served
27 more than 420,000 students in Alabama and 2.5 million students

1 in the U.S. and other countries and have won national awards
2 for innovation and excellence in educational media; and

3 WHEREAS, the national Corporation for Public
4 Broadcasting has designated Alabama Public Television as a
5 National American Graduate Hero station for APT's efforts to
6 stem the high school dropout rate; and

7 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television works in
8 partnership with the Alabama Department of Education,
9 community colleges, Alabama universities and colleges, and
10 state agencies to enhance the state's workforce development
11 efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television serves as the
13 backbone for the state's emergency alert system, distributing
14 national, state, and local emergency broadcast signals to all
15 radio and television broadcasters and cell phone providers
16 throughout the state, and by providing extensive communication
17 services for Homeland Security, Public Safety, State Capitol
18 Police, and E911 centers throughout the state; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Educational
21 Television Commission and its current members, Ferris W.
22 Stephens, Gregory O. Griffin, Sr., Dr. Rodney D. Herring, Bebe
23 Williams, H. Lester Barnett, Dr. Dannelle K. Thornton Owens,
24 and J. Holland, and the Alabama Public Television staff are
25 highly honored and commended for 60 years of exemplary service
26 to the children and adults of Alabama by providing educational

1 resources, public safety services, and civic leadership for
2 all Alabamians.