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3 By Senators Whatley, Dial, Blackwell, Singleton, Ward,  
4 Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss,  
5 Coleman, Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw,  
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed,  
7 Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Smith, Smitherman,  
8 Stutts, Waggoner and Williams  
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8 NAMING THE HINTON MITCHEM-ALBERT MCDONALD  
9 AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE ROOM.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is our distinct privilege to honor our  
12 late friends and colleagues, Hinton Mitchem and Albert  
13 McDonald, for distinguished service to the citizens of Alabama  
14 by naming the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry  
15 Committee Room, the Mitchem-McDonald Committee Room; and

16 WHEREAS, Hinton Mitchem served 36 years in the  
17 Legislature; four years in the House of Representatives and 32  
18 years in the Senate; he served as President Pro Tempore of the  
19 Senate; he served in the U. S. Coast Guard and also served 18  
20 consecutive years as Chairman of the Alabama Special Olympics;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem moved from Georgia to  
23 Marshall County, Alabama, in 1962 and was the owner of Hinton  
24 Mitchem Tractor Co. from 1965 until he sold it in 2005; he  
25 retired from public service in 2010 and died in January 2013;  
26 and

1           WHEREAS, Albert McDonald served in the Alabama  
2       Senate for two terms, was elected Commissioner of the  
3       Department of Agriculture and Industries for two terms, and  
4       was appointed by President George Bush as State Executive  
5       Director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural  
6       Station and Conservation Service in 1991; and

7           WHEREAS, in February 2014, McDonald was inducted  
8       into the Alabama Agriculture Hall of Honor; he died in summer  
9       of 2014 at age 83, leaving a legacy of service to all Alabama  
10      citizens and particularly to Alabama farmers; and

11          WHEREAS, our departed friends and mentors, Hinton  
12      Mitchem and Albert McDonald, were loved by many and both will  
13      always be remembered for their selfless public service; we  
14      recognize and honor the long-time public service of our late  
15      friends and colleagues, Senator Hinton Mitchem and Senator  
16      Albert McDonald; the State of Alabama is better because of the  
17      faithful service they provided; now therefore,

18          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19      HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Room 316 of the Alabama State  
20      House, the traditional meeting room of the Agriculture,  
21      Conservation, and Forestry Committee, is officially named the  
22      "Mitchem-McDonald Committee Room" and that appropriate  
23      officials are requested to place and maintain markers as  
24      appropriate by this resolution.