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3 By Senators Figures, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 11-FEB-16

8 COMMENDING DOCTOR TOMMIE H. STEWART ON RECEIVING THE
9 MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD.
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11 WHEREAS, it is with honor and pride that highest
12 commendations are hereby extended to Doctor Tommie H. Stewart,
13 affectionately known as Tonea, of Montgomery, Alabama, for
14 being chosen to receive the Mississippi Governor's Arts Award;
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart, a native of Greenwood,
17 Mississippi, and a long-time resident of Montgomery, Alabama,
18 is the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at
19 Alabama State University, where she serves as role model and
20 mentor to many students; she is being honored for her
21 excellence in acting and as an acting-educator; and

22 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Governor's Arts Award is
23 presented annually at the Governor's Awards ceremony; it
24 honors outstanding writers, artists, performers, craftsmen,
25 and educators who have made significant and lasting
26 contributions through their work and on the basis of their
27 dedication to arts advancement; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart is among five honorees selected
2 by peers in the arts industry from hundreds of qualified
3 nominations submitted by the public; previous honorees include
4 blues singer, songwriter, and guitarist, B. B. King, blues
5 singer and guitarist, Little Milton, and R and B and Chicago
6 Blues vocalist and guitarist, Bo Diddley; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart has performed in numerous movie
8 roles as well as on stage throughout the United States,
9 including Carnegie Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center; she is
10 best known for her acting roles in "A Time to Kill",
11 "Mississippi Burning", and "In the Heat of the Night"; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart has shared her talents and love
13 for the performing arts with students and others alike and is
14 indeed worthy of this prestigious recognition; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of being
17 awarded the Mississippi Governor's Arts Award, sincere tribute
18 is herein expressed to Dr. Tommie H. Stewart, and it is
19 further directed that a copy of this resolution be presented
20 to her with highest praise and honor.