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COMMENDING GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA FOR DISTINGUISHED
MILITARY SERVICE.

WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to General Dennis L. Via in recognition of his distinguished military career and dedicated service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2012, General Dennis L. Via assumed duties as the 18th Commander of the U. S. Army Materiel Command, the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness to ensure dominant land force capability for the U.S. Warfighter and our allies; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as commander, General Via served as Deputy Commanding General of Army Materiel Command and as Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, J-6, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; in 2011, he was deployed to Southwest Asia as the Commander of the Army Materiel Command Responsible Reset Task Force, with the mission of leading the strategic integration of the materiel enterprise for the retrograde of equipment and materiel out of Iraq;

1 WHEREAS, a native of Martinsville, Virginia, General
2 Via was commissioned in the Signal Corps on May 18, 1980,
3 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from
4 Virginia State University; furthermore, General Via holds a
5 Master's Degree from Boston University, and is a 1991 graduate
6 of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, a 1999
7 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, and is a member of the
8 Council on Foreign Relations; and

9 WHEREAS, General Via's distinguished service
10 includes numerous command assignments and staff assignments
11 around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, General Via holds the distinction of being
13 the only Signal Corps officer in U.S. Army history to be
14 promoted to 4-Star General; he has earned the Defense
15 Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal
16 with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the
17 Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious
18 Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service
19 Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal
20 with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Achievement Medal,
21 and the Army Achievement Medal; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in admiration and appreciation
24 of his distinguished career, it is a great pleasure to honor
25 and commend General Dennis L. Via, for whom a copy of this
26 resolution is provided with deepest gratitude for his

1 outstanding record of service and with best wishes in all
2 future endeavors.