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3 By Senators Ward and Orr
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 14-FEB-17

8 COMMENDING ONE OF THE GREATEST INFLUENCERS OF
9 ALABAMA LAW, TOM JONES, FOR OUTSTANDING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT.
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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 one of the greatest influencers of Alabama Law, Tom Jones, for
13 outstanding professional achievement on the momentous occasion
14 of the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Alabama Law
15 Institute and the 48th year of its beginning operations; and

16 WHEREAS, Tom Jones has the distinction of being the
17 third and last part-time Director of the Alabama Law Institute
18 and is an instrumental figure in shaping the Alabama Law
19 Institute's legacy of excellence and of developing the
20 greatest minds the field of law has encountered, men and women
21 dedicated to adhering to the most noble ideals of justice and
22 serving the fine people of our state with their tremendous
23 gifts; and

24 WHEREAS, Tom Jones embarked upon his distinguished
25 career at The University of Alabama School of Law in 1962; an
26 incredible instructor and administrator, he has had an
27 enormous positive impact on three generations of lawyers in

1 Alabama and has reached tremendous heights while serving in
2 virtually every position at The University of Alabama School
3 of Law including Assistant Professor, Associate Professor,
4 Associate Dean, Vice Dean, Acting Dean, and, currently, as the
5 Alumni Professor Emeritus of Law; and

6 WHEREAS, since 1967, Tom Jones has represented
7 Alabama in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform
8 State Laws; on January 18, 2017, he was honored by the
9 University of Alabama School of Law with an endowed
10 scholarship in his name and the renovation and with the
11 distinction of the Alabama Law Institute Office at The
12 University of Alabama School of Law renovation being dedicated
13 in his name as well; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom Jones has been married to Shelly Jones
15 for more than 50 years and Shelly is a legend in her own right
16 in Tuscaloosa and the education community of the state as a
17 whole and she shares in this great honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom Jones' character, integrity, and
19 numerous meritorious attributes as an individual are
20 extraordinary; he is a mentor and leader who has set a
21 wonderful example for his successors, and his career is
22 legendary; Tom Jones is truly deserving of special
23 commendation and praise; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Tom Jones is highly honored
26 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
27 deepest admiration and appreciation to him for his service to

1 the State of Alabama, along with sincere best wishes for the
2 future.