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3 By Senators Waggoner, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, McClendon,  
6 Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield,  
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts, Whatley and  
8 Williams

9 RFD:

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8 HONORING AND COMMENDING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE DEL  
9 MARSH FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE SENATE OF ALABAMA.  
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11 WHEREAS, Senator Del Marsh served as President Pro  
12 Tempore of the Alabama Senate for a decade; his constituents  
13 elected him to represent Alabama's 12th Senate District,  
14 including Calhoun and Talladega Counties, for a sixth term in  
15 November 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, from an early age, Senator Marsh understood  
17 the power of hard work; the son of a Birmingham car salesman,  
18 he had already created and sold for a profit his own business  
19 in the auto industry by the time of his graduation with a  
20 degree in Industrial Management from Auburn University in  
21 1980; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Marsh brought his work ethic to the  
23 State House during his first term in 1998, beginning a  
24 legislative portfolio with a particular focus on economic  
25 growth, small business, and job creation for Alabamians; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Marsh began his tenure as President  
27 Pro Tempore of the Senate in 2010; true to form, he

1 immediately began working to increase efficiency in government  
2 and stimulate the economy, especially for small businesses; he  
3 began in his own office, decreasing personnel costs within his  
4 office by roughly \$100,000 per month and thereby reducing his  
5 own budget by 65 percent during his first term as President  
6 Pro Tempore; and

7                   WHEREAS, as a member of the Senate, Senator Marsh  
8 has labored tirelessly to enact legislation that has helped  
9 bring companies from all over the world to Alabama, has given  
10 rise to new educational opportunities within the state, and  
11 has otherwise directly impacted the everyday lives of  
12 Alabamians; as President Pro Tempore, he has helmed the Senate  
13 through changes in federal and state government, natural  
14 disasters, and a pandemic; and

15                   WHEREAS, even while rejecting the additional  
16 services and comforts typically conferred to Presidents Pro  
17 Tempore, such as a state vehicle, a driver, and a security  
18 escort, Senator Marsh embraced additional responsibilities; he  
19 served as presiding officer of the Senate for two sessions as  
20 Alabama awaited its next Lieutenant Governor; and

21                   WHEREAS, Senator Marsh has imparted his lessons to  
22 the next generation by raising two children, Justin and  
23 Christine, with his wife, Ginger; among many other  
24 accomplishments and honors, both of his children hold degrees  
25 from Auburn University, their parents' alma mater; now  
26 therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
2 ALABAMA, That this body hereby honors and commends President  
3 Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate Del Marsh for his decades of  
4 dedicated service to this body and to the entire State of  
5 Alabama.