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3 By Representatives McCampbell, South, Sullivan, Wingo, Poole
4 and England
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 23-FEB-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING JUDGE JOHN H. ENGLAND, JR. FOR
4 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.
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6 WHEREAS, it is an honor to extend highest
7 commendations to Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court Judge John H.
8 England, Jr. for serving on the judicial bench for 28
9 dedicated years; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge England was born in Uniontown,
11 Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, while attending Tuskegee University, the
13 Civil Rights Movement inspired Judge England to pursue a
14 career in law; in 1969, he graduated with a Bachelor of
15 Science Degree in Chemistry; thereafter, he attended The
16 University of Alabama Law School but was only able to complete
17 one year before being drafted into the United States Army
18 during the Vietnam War, where he served as a Military
19 Policeman for two years; after his service, he returned to The
20 University of Alabama Law School, where he earned his Law
21 Degree in 1974; after graduation, he worked as an attorney
22 until he was appointed to the Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court
23 in 1993 and was elected to a full term the following year; in
24 1999, he received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from
25 Tuskegee University; that same year, he was appointed by the

1 Governor to the Alabama Supreme Court, where he served until
2 2001; he then returned to the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa
3 County in 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, some of Judge England's additional
5 incredible achievements over the years include being the first
6 African American University of Alabama Law School graduate to
7 witness his three children, John H. England, III, U.S.
8 Magistrate Judge for the Northern District in Alabama; April
9 England Albright, Civil Rights Attorney in Atlanta, Georgia;
10 and Chris England, Assistant City Attorney in Tuscaloosa,
11 member of the Alabama House of Representatives, and Chairman
12 of the Alabama Democratic Party, also graduate from The
13 University of Alabama Law School; serving on the Board of
14 Trustees of The University of Alabama; being the first African
15 American to have a dormitory on The University of Alabama's
16 campus named after him, John H. England, Jr. Hall; being
17 inducted into the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame in
18 2006; and serving as a Trustee and as a member of the male
19 chorus at his church, Bailey Tabernacle, C.M.E. Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge England has six grandchildren, Ty,
21 Jay, Jelani, Autumn, Alexandria, and Christopher, Jr.; and

22 WHEREAS, for nearly three decades, Judge England has
23 served diligently, bringing justice into many people's lives;
24 a remarkable man, he is indeed an inspiration and a natural
25 leader; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Tuscaloosa County Circuit
3 Judge John H. England, Jr. is warmly commended and honored for
4 his 28 years of committed service, and this resolution hereby
5 serves as a tribute to him with utmost gratitude and
6 admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued
7 success and happiness during his retirement.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 25-FEB-21.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

02-MAR-21

Adopted