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3 By Representatives Drummond, Alexander, Allen, Baker, Ball,  
4 Bedsole, Blackshear, Boyd, Bracy, Brown (C), Brown (K), Carns,  
5 Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels,  
6 Dismukes, Drake, Easterbrook, Ellis, England, Estes, Farley,  
7 Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Forte, Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Gray,  
8 Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes, Harbison, Hill, Hollis, Holmes,  
9 Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Isbell, Jackson, Jones (M), Jones (S),  
10 Kiel, Kitchens, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lipscomb, Lovvorn,  
11 Marques, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Meadows,  
12 Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morris, Nordgren, Oliver,  
13 Pettus, Poole, Pringle, Rafferty, Reynolds, Rich, Robbins,  
14 Robertson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Shaver,  
15 Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith, Sorrell, Sorrells, South,  
16 Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer, Sullivan, Treadaway,  
17 Wadsworth, Warren, Wheeler, Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox, Wingo,  
18 Wood (D) and Wood (R)  
19 RFD:  
20 First Read: 09-MAR-21

HONORING ROOSEVELT SMITHERMAN FOR OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

WHEREAS, in a strong desire to recognize notable  
citizens who have had a substantial impact on life in the  
State of Alabama, we take great pleasure in honoring a  
distinguished Alabamian, Mr. Roosevelt Smitherman, whose  
contributions and over four decades of service to the Alabama  
House of Representatives and the State of Alabama are  
unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Webster's dictionary defines gentleman as a  
man who combines gentle birth or rank with chivalrous  
qualities and as a man whose conduct conforms to a high  
standard of propriety, this is the truest meaning of Mr.  
Smitherman; and

WHEREAS, a supervisor of Legislative Maintenance and  
Repair, Mr. Smitherman was born on March 11, 1935; he is  
well-loved and highly respected for his thoughtful, unending  
genuine care and concern, and dedicated service; he takes  
pride in his work and demonstrates this quality effortlessly;

1 he naturally strives to make a positive difference and help  
2 everyone who comes across his path; and

3 WHEREAS, his love and care for the members, as well  
4 as the staff, of the Alabama House of Representatives is  
5 evident in the path he chose for his life's work, always  
6 striving tirelessly to immaculately care for all areas of the  
7 House of Representatives; through his exceptional attention to  
8 detail and his unending pride in all his efforts; and

9 WHEREAS, he would always take time to assist the  
10 members and co-workers, repairing all types of things from a  
11 broken shoe heel of a co-worker to assisting with car issues,  
12 to asking if he could help carry bags, to unlocking a door or  
13 even pushing the elevator button; the dedicated, hardworking,  
14 and humble Mr. Smitherman never complains and is always the  
15 last one to leave for the day; and

16 WHEREAS, he is lovingly devoted to his wife of 45  
17 years, Lelia P. Smitherman; his children, Alpha Dean  
18 Washington, Bobby Smitherman, and Naomi Smitherman; his  
19 grandchildren, Carey Washington, Keyonna Shack, Josiah  
20 Smitherman, Jaydon Smitherman, Bobby Smitherman, Jr., Jeremy  
21 Smitherman, Jordon Smitherman, Jada Smitherman, Layla  
22 Smitherman, and Jalen Mobley; and great-grandchild, Chloe  
23 Washington; Mr. Smitherman has regarded the Alabama House of  
24 Representatives as an extension of his larger family and  
25 sought the happiness and welfare of everyone; and

26 WHEREAS, while the members and staff of the House of  
27 Representatives will feel a void with his retirement we are

1 truly grateful for the way in which he demonstrated his love  
2 and concern to us and we are overjoyed that he will be able to  
3 spend more quality time relaxing and cherishing his family;  
4 now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are pleased to honor our  
7 beloved friend, Mr. Roosevelt Smitherman, for his  
8 contributions and dedicated service to the Alabama House of  
9 Representatives and to all Alabamians, and this resolution is  
10 offered in tribute to an extraordinary gentleman.