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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

8 HONORING ROOSEVELT SMITHERMAN FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

23 WHEREAS, a supervisor of Legislative Maintenance and  
24 Repair, Mr. Smitherman was born on March 11, 1935; he is  
25 well-loved and highly respected for his thoughtful, unending  
26 genuine care and concern, and dedicated service; he takes  
27 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.