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

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 06-APR-21

8 HONORING AND COMMENDING RONALD M. COFIELD FOR HIS  
9 WORK WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON THE TAX CUTS AND  
10 JOBS ACT AND THE ALABAMA BUSINESS TAX COMPETITIVENESS ACT.  
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12 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey  
13 signed Act 2021-1, legislation that exempted federal COVID-19  
14 relief funds from state income taxation, amended how business  
15 income is calculated in Alabama, and decoupled Alabama tax law  
16 from certain provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; and

17 WHEREAS, the passage of this legislation could not  
18 have occurred without the participation of the Joint  
19 Legislative Task Force on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which  
20 worked over an 18-month period to discuss policy, consider  
21 short- and long-term effects, and craft legislation; and

22 WHEREAS, among the leaders of that charge was Ronald  
23 M. Cofield; from inception to the drafting of legislation, Ron  
24 freely offered his knowledge and experience for the benefit of  
25 the task force and, thus, the entire state; and

26 WHEREAS, the knowledge and experience that Ron  
27 brought include a 38-year career with PricewaterhouseCoopers,

1 where he served as an audit partner as well as the managing  
2 partner of the Orlando office, the Birmingham office, and the  
3 Carolinas practice, Market Assurance Leader for the Greater  
4 Atlanta practice, and the United States Assurance Learning and  
5 Development Leader; Ron's resume also includes lengthy  
6 community leadership service, including service as director of  
7 the United Way, Operation New Birmingham, the Kiwanis Club of  
8 Birmingham, and the Alabama Ballet, as well as Vice-Chairman  
9 of the American Red Cross; Ron has also served on the Business  
10 School Advisory Councils of Auburn University, Samford  
11 University, and The University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

12 WHEREAS, Ron's service to the task force and to the  
13 greater Alabama community deserves commendation beyond what is  
14 offered in this resolution; however, this body sees fit to  
15 honor him in the best manner available to us now; now  
16 therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Ronald M. Cofield is hereby  
19 honored and commended for his public service through the  
20 hundreds of hours he committed to the Joint Legislative Task  
21 Force on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the Alabama Business  
22 Tax Competitiveness.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
24 resolution be delivered to Ronald M. Cofield, as a small token  
25 of our immense gratitude on behalf of the state and all its  
26 residents.