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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 08-APR-21

8 COMMENDING GEORGE ERVIN "SONNY" PERDUE, III FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that highest
12 commendation is extended to George Ervin "Sonny" Perdue III,
13 esteemed businessman and politician, for his leadership,
14 vision, and service; and

15 WHEREAS, Sonny Perdue was born on December 20, 1946,
16 in Perry, Georgia, to George Ervin Perdue, Jr. and Ophie Viola
17 Holt Perdue; he is married to Mary Ruff Perdue and has four
18 children and 14 grandchildren, and has also been a foster
19 parent for many children; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Perdue graduated from Warner Robins
21 High School and later attended the University of Georgia,
22 where he was a walk-on for the university's football team; he
23 earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University
24 of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine; he served in the
25 United States Air Force and achieved the rank of Captain in
26 just three years; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout the 1980's Dr. Perdue served as
2 an elected member of the Houston County Planning and Zoning
3 Board; in 1990, he was elected to the Georgia State Senate
4 18th District, serving in that capacity for 11 years, and
5 acted as President Pro Tempore from 1994-1997; he resigned his
6 position in 2001 to run for governor; he became the 81st
7 Governor of Georgia in 2003 and served for two terms; in 2011,
8 he exited the political stage and became a founding partner of
9 Perdue Partners, an Atlanta-based economic development firm
10 specializing in global commodities trade and consulting
11 services; from 2017-2021, Dr. Perdue served as the Secretary
12 of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Perdue has served with honor and
14 distinction in all of his duties, approached each task with
15 determination and professionalism; his vision and unyielding
16 commitment have set the standard for public service, and it is
17 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
18 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian
19 be appropriately recognized; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That George Ervin "Sonny" Perdue,
22 III be commended for his efficient, effective, and dedicated
23 public service to the State of Georgia and to the United
24 States of America, and this resolution is given in deepest
25 admiration and appreciation, and along with sincere best
26 wishes for all future endeavors.