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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

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

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

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

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