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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:  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR89,

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, throughout the 1980's Dr. Perdue served as  
25 an elected member of the Houston County Planning and Zoning

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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Adopted: 15-APR-21

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By: Senator Allen