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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

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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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 15-APR-21

By: Senator Allen