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3 By Senator Smitherman
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8 COMMENDING LARRY WARD ON RECEIVING THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 ALABAMA NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED
10 ALUMNUS AWARD.

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12 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous honor to recognize Larry
13 Ward as the recipient of The University of Alabama National
14 Alumni Association's 2020-2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award for
15 his outstanding record of professional excellence; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has cultivated a truly remarkable
17 legacy during a span of more than three decades of community
18 service and leadership; he is a native of Scottsboro, Alabama,
19 and a graduate of that city's public school system; he
20 received a Bachelor's Degree from The University of Alabama in
21 1970 and Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama School
22 of Law in 1974; he was admitted to the Alabama State Bar that
23 same year; and

24 WHEREAS, he began his outstanding career in the
25 Trust Department of AmSouth Bank; he has spent the majority of
26 his career as Managing Director of the Public Finance
27 Department of Regions Bank Investment Company and then as

Managing Director of Raymond James, from which he retired in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished career, Mr. Ward has been dedicated to community service; he has a passion for the City of Birmingham, Alabama, serving as a member of the Board of Commissioners; serving on the Mayor of Birmingham's Police-Community Relations Committee; and on the board of the Birmingham Water Works; he has served as Chairman of the Birmingham Housing Authority and the Birmingham Parking Authority; Mr. Ward served as Treasurer of the Kate Duncan Daughters of the American Revolution School in Grant, Alabama, for 30 years; and as a Municipal Judge for more than 20 municipalities throughout the State of Alabama for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Ward has contributed greatly to the Capstone and its development; he contributes to the Endowed Scholarship Program and is an active member of the Jackson County Chapter of the National Alumni Association; Mr. Ward has established three National Alumni Association endowed scholarships through the chapter, which continuously provide aid to The University of Alabama students from Jackson County; he is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, while the Scottsboro First United Methodist Church continues to be an important part of his life; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished career, Larry Ward has earned widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional abilities,

1 and he is deserving of special commendation and praise; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Larry Ward is highly honored
5 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
6 highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued
7 success in all future endeavors.