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

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

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

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

1 Managing Director of Raymond James, from which he retired in  
2 2018; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished  
26 career, Larry Ward has earned widespread admiration and  
27 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.