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3 By Senators Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 17-MAY-21

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4 ENROLLED, SJR136,

5 COMMENDING MR. SAM ASA SMITH, II FOR HIS DEDICATED
6 SERVICE TO THE ALABAMA SENATE AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS
7 RETIREMENT.

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9 WHEREAS, after almost 20 years of dedicated service
10 providing security to the Alabama Senate, Sam Asa Smith, II is
11 retiring on June 1, 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, a Hurtsboro native, Mr. Smith graduated
13 from Russell County High School in 1963; most of his early
14 life was spent working with cattle and farming with his
15 family; he performed in a Rockabilly Hall of Fame band
16 throughout high school known as the Rebelaires; while in his
17 teens, he performed on two television shows in Columbus,
18 Georgia, and in Montgomery, Alabama; he was invited to sing at
19 the Grand Ole Opry in his early twenties; he traveled
20 extensively around the country and state, performing country
21 music, acting as emcee, and making introductions at political
22 campaign rallies for Governor George C. Wallace, Governor
23 Lurleen Wallace, and Governor Albert Brewer; he also attended
24 the Nashville School of Broadcasting and served in the Alabama
25 National Guard for six years; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith worked for the Montgomery Police
2 Department, where he served for over 20 years, rising to the
3 rank of Police Sergeant; for the next 11 years, he worked for
4 the United States Marshals Service while also owning Always
5 Outdoors Marine Repair; he joined the security team for the
6 Alabama Senate in 2001 as a Red Coat and began working full
7 time as a Senate Security Officer in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has been married for 34 years to
9 his loving wife, Karen Summerford Smith; they are blessed with
10 three children, Sam Asa Smith, III, Shannon L. Smith, and
11 William Patrick Smith; and

12 WHEREAS, during his years of service, not only has
13 Mr. Smith worked to protect members and staff and maintain
14 order and decorum in the Senate, he has always served with
15 compassion and kindness to those around him and he will be
16 sorely missed by members and staff; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body expresses its
19 heartfelt gratitude for Mr. Smith's service in providing
20 security to the Senate while sharing his kindness, decency,
21 and warmth throughout the halls of the Alabama State House,
22 and by copy of this resolution we convey our highest esteem
23 and best wishes for his well-deserved retirement.

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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: 17-MAY-21

By: Senator Reed