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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  
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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

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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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By: Senator Reed