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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, Weaver, Whatley and Williams  
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8 COMMENDING DR. DAVID MATHEWS FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
12 Dr. David Mathews in recognition of his outstanding  
13 accomplishments and dedicated service during an exceptionally  
14 productive 40-year career as President and Chief Executive  
15 Officer of the Kettering Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan  
16 international research institute that addresses the challenges  
17 of democratic governments; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Mathews has announced his plans to  
19 relinquish his executive responsibilities after propelling the  
20 Kettering Foundation, after 40 years of research, into  
21 learning what it takes to make a democracy work as it should;  
22 his expertise is recognized in the areas of leadership,  
23 governmental affairs, and citizen-led democracy development;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Mathews is a graduate of The University  
26 of Alabama; he earned a doctorate in History at Columbia  
27 University and then returned to The University of Alabama as a

History Instructor; in 1969, he became the youngest president of a university in the country when he was chosen to succeed Dr. Frank Rose at The University of Alabama; he also served for 18 months in the administration of former United States President Gerald R. Ford as Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; in 2007, the Alabama Center for Civic Life in Montevallo, Alabama, was renamed in his honor as the David Mathews Center for Civic Life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathews intends to turn his focus towards research and scholarly work; he plans to write new books, update his eight previously authored books, and raise awareness that citizens can make a difference in the democracy of this country and in the world; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. David Mathews is honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute and deepest admiration and appreciation to him, along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.