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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
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 29-SEP-21

COMMENDING DR. DAVID MATHEWS FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

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

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

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

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