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3 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,  
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,  
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 11-JAN-22

8 COMMENDING DON DAILEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
9 ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION.

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11 WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, Alabama Public  
12 Television announced the retirement of Don Dailey, longtime  
13 Alabama political journalist and host of Alabama Public  
14 Television's "Capitol Journal"; and

15 WHEREAS, although he was a regular sight around Goat  
16 Hill for decades, Mr. Dailey first began his journalistic  
17 career working in other media in various Alabama locales; Mr.  
18 Dailey got his start during high school in Marengo County  
19 working at a small radio station in Demopolis, and then, while  
20 earning his Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism from  
21 Troy University, worked at various stations in Monroeville,  
22 Troy, and Montgomery; and

23 WHEREAS, after covering Birmingham and the Wiregrass  
24 regions as a radio reporter and serving as News Director of  
25 Cox Media Group in Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. Dailey truly found  
26 his niche in the world of journalism when he joined Alabama  
27 Public Television as News and Public Affairs Director and,

1 most recognizably, as host of the "Capitol Journal" and  
2 "Spotlight on Education" programs; and

3                   WHEREAS, whether it was on his "Word of the Week"  
4 segment on Alabama Public Radio or on his nightly "Capitol  
5 Journal" program, Mr. Dailey spent his career bringing the  
6 State House to the people; his accessible and informative  
7 reporting style and his exclusive interviews with state  
8 government figures made each and every citizen feel as if they  
9 themselves were in the press booth, separated from the  
10 political proceedings only by a mere pane of glass; and

11                   WHEREAS, throughout this lengthy career in Alabama  
12 media, both political and not, Mr. Dailey served as an example  
13 of journalistic objectivity, one of the guiding principles of  
14 journalism; by constantly striving - and succeeding - to  
15 maintain impartiality while delving into the nuances of local  
16 and state politics, Mr. Dailey did his critical part in  
17 working to preserve democracy; and

18                   WHEREAS, Mr. Dailey is owed endless thanks for his  
19 indispensable role in educating Alabamians on the political  
20 process and keeping the public informed of the operations of  
21 their government; with this resolution, this body aims to do  
22 its small part in honoring this true gentleman of the Fourth  
23 Estate; now therefore,

24                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Don Dailey is commended  
26 for his long career of public service through journalism, and

1 that a copy of this resolution be delivered to him as a small  
2 token of our immense esteem and immeasurable gratitude.

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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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9 I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
10 originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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## House of Representatives

Adopted: 10-FEB-22

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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By: Senator Orr