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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 30-MAR-22

COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE MERIKA COLEMAN FOR
DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and colleague, Representative Merika Coleman, who has diligently served the citizens of the State of Alabama and House District 57 in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, since becoming a member of the Alabama State House of Representatives in 2002, Representative Coleman has been actively involved in the legislative process through her varied responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, while Representative Coleman has been the sponsor of many important pieces of legislation, few have had the reach of her work to permanently remove racist language in our constitution and her efforts to modernize this foundational document governing the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Representative Coleman holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communication and a Master of Public Administration Degree from The University of Alabama at

1 Birmingham and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Birmingham
2 School of Law; she is the Director of Community and Economic
3 Development at Miles College and also serves the Greater
4 Birmingham Ministries Board; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;
5 Links, Inc.; Jack and Jill of America; the Women's
6 Legislators' Lobby; the National Organization of Black Elected
7 Legislative Women; the National Foundation for Women
8 Legislators; the American State Legislators for Gun Violence
9 Prevention Steering Committee; the Midfield Voter's League as
10 a Founding Member; the State Democratic Executive Committee;
11 the County Democratic Executive Committee as Finance
12 Chairwoman; the Legislative Black Caucus as a former
13 Secretary; the House Democratic Policy Committee; and the
14 House Democratic Caucus as an Assistant Minority Leader; from
15 2014 to 2018, she served on the Financial Services Committee,
16 the Judiciary Committee, and the Jefferson County Legislation;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, dedicated to her family, Representative
19 Coleman has two children, Elexia and Xaviar; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Coleman's commitment to
21 public service is unsurpassed; we are privileged to have
22 served with this exemplary Alabama stateswoman; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby heartily commend
25 Representative Merika Coleman for her outstanding record of
26 service to the citizens of House District 57 and the State of
27 Alabama and for her invaluable contributions to this body over

1 the years; we direct that a copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Representative Coleman with our highest esteem
3 and appreciation.