

1 HR239  
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3 By Representative McCutcheon  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 30-MAR-22

8 COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE MERIKA COLEMAN FOR  
9 DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and  
12 appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and  
13 colleague, Representative Merika Coleman, who has diligently  
14 served the citizens of the State of Alabama and House District  
15 57 in Jefferson County; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Representative Coleman holds a Bachelor of  
26 Arts Degree in Mass Communication and a Master of Public  
27 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.