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3 By Representative Jones (M)
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COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE MAC MCCUTCHEON ON HIS
RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, with the final adjournment of the 2019-2022 quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Representative Mac McCutcheon will conclude a 16-year tenure in the Legislature; this coincides with the end of his service as Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, after six years in that role; and

WHEREAS, born as Chester Clarence McCutcheon on July 15, 1952, in Madison County, Alabama, Representative McCutcheon spent his early days roaming the area he would one day serve as State Representative; his youth in northern Alabama imparted to him a fondness for the serene landscapes, abundant fauna, and crisp mountain air of his home district; this closeness with nature served as a canvas for his closeness with God, and further encouraged him to serve in ministry as an associate pastor; and

WHEREAS, indeed, Representative McCutcheon is a man who has worn many hats and held many titles; he earned an

1 Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Calhoun
2 Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal
3 Justice Administration from Trinity University; he served in
4 the United States Army, has worked as a farmer, and spent 25
5 years with the Huntsville Police Department, in fields ranging
6 from hostage negotiation to probation officer; he is a member
7 of the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Police, the
8 Alabama Peace Officers' Association, North Alabama Emmaus
9 Community, Tennessee Valley Smallmouth Bass Club, and the City
10 of Madison Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, despite these many names and many titles,
12 Representative McCutcheon, for the past six years, has been
13 one thing to this body: "Mr. Speaker"; although he has had to
14 leverage his hostage negotiation experience a time or two,
15 Representative McCutcheon has spent his tenure as Speaker of
16 the House increasing the credibility and status of that
17 position and of the House chamber, and using the gravitas of
18 his office for the benefit of each and every member of the
19 House of Representatives; and

20 WHEREAS, although he has rightfully borne these
21 labors with pride, Representative McCutcheon's true pride and
22 joy is his family; he and his wife of 52 years, Debbie, are
23 the parents of two children and grandparents of four
24 grandchildren; they have served as Representative McCutcheon's
25 inspiration and motivation to never stop improving his home
26 state; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative McCutcheon still has the
2 attachment to nature he formed in his early days; in his free
3 time, Representative McCutcheon enjoys spending time in the
4 outdoors while fishing, camping, playing golf, or farming;
5 when he is not digging the chamber "out of the weeds," he
6 loves a good afternoon of bushhogging some underbrush on his
7 farm; in addition to spending time with his family and
8 traveling with his wife, we sincerely hope that he finds time
9 in his retirement to enjoy the peaceful nooks of the Lord's
10 creation; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Representative Mac McCutcheon
13 is hereby commended for his years of service on this occasion
14 of his retirement, and that a copy of this resolution be
15 presented to him as a token of our endless thanks and our deep
16 appreciation.