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3 By Representatives Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy, Brown, 4 5 Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England, 6 7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett, 8 Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hurst, Ingram, 9 10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones, Knight, Lawrence, 11 Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin, McCampbell, McClammy, 12 McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos, 13 Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, 14 Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge, 15 16 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton 17 (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW), 18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood 19 RFD:

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179222-1:n:06/16/2016:DSM/mfc LRS2016-2661 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE VICTOR GASTON FOR 8 OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP. 9 10 11 WHEREAS, we are pleased to commend Victor Gaston, 12 Speaker Pro Tempore of the Alabama House of Representatives, 13 for his service, his contributions, and his leadership as 14 Acting Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives during 15 particularly challenging times; and 16 WHEREAS, Representative Gaston was elected to the 17 Alabama House of Representatives in 1982 and elected as 18 Speaker Pro Tempore in 2010; he serves on the following 19 committees; Rules, Ways and Means General Fund, 20 Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure, and the Mobile 21 County Legislative Committee; and 22 WHEREAS, a retired Mobile County Public School 23 Teacher and Administrator, Representative Gaston was a member 24 of the United States Marine Reserves and the Alabama Army 25 National Guard; he is an ordained deacon and a member of the 26 sanctuary choir of Spring Hill Baptist Church; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Gaston has received degrees 2 from the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of 3 South Alabama, and Auburn University; he is a member of Phi 4 Delta Kappa; he and his wife, Jean, are the parents of two 5 sons and six grandsons; and

6 WHEREAS, a former member of the White House 7 Commission on Presidential Scholars, Representative Gaston was 8 an elected delegate to six consecutive Republican National 9 Conventions and served on the Rules Committee in 1988 and the 10 Credentials Committee in 2000; he served two terms on the 11 National Republican Legislators Board; and

12 WHEREAS, known for his tireless and dedicated 13 service to the citizens of Alabama, Representative Gaston has executed his leadership responsibilities with fairness, 14 honesty, and professionalism, and has proven himself to be an 15 16 inspiring leader and dedicated public servant; his notable dedication is worthy of recognition as a splendid example of 17 18 public service in a leadership role that is deserving of 19 special recognition; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Representative Victor Gaston 22 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is 23 offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along 24 with sincere best wishes for the future.