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3 By Senators Coleman, Irons, Ross, Figures, Waggoner, Marsh,
4 Ward, Dial, Sanford, Pittman, Keahey, Fielding, Beasley, and
5 Smitherman
6 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING DR. PAUL HUBBERT FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.
12 Paul Hubbert is recognized for his distinguished service to
13 public education and the State of Alabama over the span of
14 more than 42 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Hubbert retired on December 31, 2011,
16 from his position as Executive Secretary of the Alabama
17 Education Association, where he effectively represented
18 Alabama's teachers and support personnel and significantly
19 impacted every piece of proposed legislation affecting
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Hubbert was serving as Superintendent
22 of Troy City Schools when he was recruited to head the Alabama
23 Education Association and, in 1969, he spearheaded the
24 organization's merger with the all-Black Alabama State
25 Teachers Association, creating the entity that came to be
26 regarded as the most powerful special interest group in

1 Alabama and unparalleled for political influence among kindred
2 education associations in the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hubbert was instrumental in the growth
4 of AEA from some 21,000 members to more than 100,000; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Hubbert takes justifiable pride in
6 securing retirement and health insurance benefits for some
7 33,000 support personnel in addition to the teachers whose
8 interests he successfully championed in financial concerns and
9 in matters crucial to the learning process such as class size
10 and adequate facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, among his well-deserved honors, Dr. Hubbert
12 received the prestigious H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award
13 at the National Education Association's Annual Human and Civil
14 Rights Awards Dinner in 2009, in recognition of his
15 outstanding achievement in expanding educational opportunities
16 for minority students and educators and improving intergroup
17 relations in public schools; and

18 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Hubbert has been
19 steadfastly committed to protecting Alabama's educators, the
20 foundation of the process of improving the lives of the
21 children who are our future, and his presence will be greatly
22 missed in the halls of the State House and wherever challenges
23 arise in the arena of public education; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his
26 retirement and in recognition of his distinguished career
27 spanning more than 42 years as Executive Secretary of the

1 Alabama Education Association, highest commendation is herein
2 extended to Dr. Paul Hubbert, for whom a copy of this
3 resolution is provided in admiration and appreciation, along
4 with best wishes in all future endeavors.