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3 By Senators Allen, Singleton, Reed, Albritton, Barfoot,  
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5 Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR36,

5 COMMENDING MR. WENDELL HUDSON, THE UNIVERSITY OF  
6 ALABAMA'S FIRST BLACK SCHOLARSHIP-ATHLETE, FOR HAVING HIS  
7 JERSEY NUMBER RETIRED.

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9 WHEREAS, it is a great honor to extend highest  
10 commendations to Mr. Wendell Hudson, The University of  
11 Alabama's first black scholarship-athlete, for having his  
12 jersey number retired during a ceremony at halftime of the  
13 Alabama-LSU basketball game at Coleman Coliseum; and

14 WHEREAS, in accordance with Mr. Hudson's wishes,  
15 future Crimson Tide basketball players will still be able to  
16 wear his number 20; however, his jersey will remain displayed  
17 in the coliseum's rafters, along with banners signifying  
18 conference championships and post-season appearances; also, a  
19 men's basketball scholarship has been endowed in his honor,  
20 and the uniforms of The University of Alabama student-athletes  
21 will each feature a "WH" patch for the remainder of the winter  
22 and spring sport seasons; Mr. Hudson is one of the most  
23 decorated student-athletes in Crimson Tide men's basketball  
24 history; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was recruited by the late C.M.  
2           Newton after an incredible career at Parker High School in  
3           Birmingham, Alabama; during the 1969 to 1970 season, he became  
4           a member of the freshman team at The University of Alabama and  
5           joined the varsity ranks for the next three years; during his  
6           career, he scored 1,768 points and grabbed 1,197 rebounds in  
7           93 games, averaging 19.0 points and 12.9 rebounds; and

8           WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Hudson was named a First Team  
9           All-American after averaging 20.7 points and 12.1 rebounds as  
10          a senior; that same season, he became Alabama's first  
11          Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, leading the league  
12          in scoring; he helped the Crimson Tide secure a second-place  
13          finish in the Southeastern Conference and make its first  
14          postseason appearance in program history, advancing to the  
15          semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament; in addition,  
16          he was selected in the second round of the 1973 National  
17          Basketball Association draft by the Chicago Bulls and played  
18          for the American Basketball Association's Memphis Tams; in  
19          2000, he was honored as a Southeastern Conference Legend and  
20          was recognized by The University of Alabama with its Paul W.  
21          Bryant Alumni-Athlete Award, which recognizes former athletes  
22          who accomplish astounding achievements after leaving UA; in  
23          2001, he was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame;  
24          and

1                   WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson remains a remarkable phenomenon  
2 who inspires countless athlete-students; now therefore,

3                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Wendell Hudson, The  
5 University of Alabama's first black scholarship-athlete, is  
6 warmly commended for having his jersey number retired, and we  
7 hereby dedicate this resolution to him with heartiest  
8 admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued  
9 success during his retirement.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 10-MAR-20

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By: Senator Allen