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3 By Representatives Alexander and Scott
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8 HONORING MRS. FELICIA RUCKER-SUMERLIN FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
12 highly honor Mrs. Felicia Rucker-Sumerlin for her many
13 professional achievements; and

14 WHEREAS, Felicia was born on November 1, 1965, in
15 Birmingham, Alabama, to Rosia Underwood and Jimmie Lee Brown;
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17 WHEREAS, Felicia graduated from Minor High School in
18 1984; and

19 WHEREAS, she began her career with the Jefferson
20 County Sheriff's Department in February of 1990; and

21 WHEREAS, Felicia was formerly trained as an Alabama
22 Peace Officer at The University of Alabama Police Academy,
23 going on to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice
24 in 2011; and

25 WHEREAS, she has served in many capacities at the
26 Sheriff's Office, including Corrections, Patrol, Vice and
27 Narcotics, and School Resources; and

1 WHEREAS, Felicia has received numerous commendations
2 throughout her career, one of the most significant for a case
3 where she investigated and obtained a conviction on a couple
4 who was exploiting and abusing elderly citizens by stealing
5 their identities to finance their lifestyles and facilitate an
6 escape; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2016, Felicia became the first African
8 American female to be promoted to the rank of Captain in the
9 history of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; and

10 WHEREAS, she reached another historical milestone in
11 January of 2020 when she was promoted to the rank of Deputy
12 Chief, becoming the first female to ever obtain this rank; and

13 WHEREAS, she is married to Odell Sumerlin, and they
14 are the parents of Brittany James, Kennis Rucker, Kimberly
15 Boyd, Kionna McKeller, Courtney Plummer, Ming White, and Quin
16 Tarus; and

17 WHEREAS, Felicia is retiring from the Sheriff's
18 Department after 31 and one-half years of dedicated service on
19 April 2, 2021; a woman of great character and diligence, she
20 is loved and appreciated by many; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Felicia Rucker-Sumerlin
23 is warmly honored, and this resolution hereby serves as a
24 tribute to her with utmost gratitude and admiration, along
25 with sincere best wishes for continued success during her
26 retirement.