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3 By Representative McCutcheon
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8 COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JONES ON HIS
9 RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, with the conclusion of the 2019-2022
12 quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Representative Mike
13 Jones will end his tenure in the Alabama House of
14 Representatives; and

15 WHEREAS, following his graduation from Andalusia
16 High School, Representative Jones attended Lurleen B. Wallace
17 State Junior College and then Birmingham-Southern College
18 until his graduation with a Bachelor's Degree; after earning
19 his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law,
20 Representative Jones served on the city council of his home
21 city of Andalusia from 2000 to 2008, and served as Mayor Pro
22 Tempore of Andalusia from 2004 to 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Jones was first elected to
24 represent his home area of Andalusia in the House of
25 Representatives in 2010; for five of those years,
26 Representative Jones has served as Chair of the House Rules
27 Committee, one of the most powerful positions in the

1 Legislature; he has also served on the Energy Council, the
2 executive committee of the Alabama Law Institute, and has
3 chaired the House Judiciary Committee, where he leveraged his
4 legal background to help shape bills involving the courts, the
5 Legislature, and the practice of law; it was in that role that
6 Representative Jones shaped the process for and presided over
7 the first impeachment investigation of a constitutional
8 officer in Alabama in over 100 years, and in doing so shaped a
9 process that was fair, transparent, and comprehensive, even if
10 at one point he put his lawyer at risk of a contempt order;
11 additionally, Representative Jones has served on the Alabama
12 Sentencing Commission and the Criminal Justice Oversight and
13 Implementation Council; and

14 WHEREAS, during his time in the House of
15 Representatives, Representative Jones frequently maintained
16 that he reads every bill; whether this was for his own
17 purposes or for legislative charity, no one can truly say;
18 however, his familiarity with almost every piece of
19 legislation has benefitted the entire chamber on numerous
20 occasions, as he is always willing to speak at the microphone,
21 lend his legal expertise towards debates, and even amend a
22 bill from time to time - again, for good or for bad; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Jones is currently a
24 practicing attorney and municipal court judge in Andalusia, a
25 fact few of his colleagues know; he and his wife, Kathy Harper
26 Jones, have proudly reared two daughters, Olivia and Sophia;
27 together as a family, they attend First Baptist Church, where

1 Representative Jones serves as deacon; despite all his
2 leadership positions and titles, Representative Jones might be
3 most proud of his roles as a father and a spiritual leader;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, this litigator-legislator will be missed in
6 the House chamber for his diligence, strength, and experience;
7 we are confident that these same qualities will be of great
8 benefit in his future endeavors, of which we have no doubt
9 there will be many; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Representative Mike Jones is
12 hereby commended for his years of service to the State of
13 Alabama on the occasion of his retirement from the House of
14 Representatives, and that a copy of this resolution be
15 presented to him as a small token of our immense esteem and
16 endless thanks.