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3 By Representatives Brown, Merrill, Lindsey, Boyd, Hurst and
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8 COMMENDING JOHN GLEN BROWDER, PH.D., FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that John
12 Glen Browder, Ph.D., is recognized for his outstanding
13 achievements and dedicated service to the State of Alabama;
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15 WHEREAS, his distinguished career has been
16 chronicled in a new book, "Professor-Politician, The Biography
17 of Alabama Congressman Glen Browder," written by Geni Certain
18 and published by NewSouth Books; and

19 WHEREAS, highlights of his resume include
20 professorial positions and elective office; from 1997 to the
21 present, he has been Distinguished Visiting Professor in the
22 Department of Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate
23 School, and he retired as Emeritus Professor of American
24 Democracy at Jacksonville State University, where he taught
25 Political Science from 1971-1987; and

26 WHEREAS, his academic credentials include a Bachelor
27 of Arts Degree in History from Presbyterian College in

1 Clinton, South Carolina, and Master of Arts and Ph.D. Degrees
2 in Political Science from Emory University in Atlanta,
3 Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Browder's political career began in the
5 Alabama House of Representatives, 1983-1986, where he worked
6 diligently to advance education in the state and spearheaded
7 the Education Reform Act in 1984; after one term in the
8 Legislature, he was elected to the office of Alabama Secretary
9 of State, where he instituted many improvements to the
10 elections process and is credited with procuring passage of
11 the Fair Campaign Practices Act of 1988; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1989, Dr. Browder won a special election
13 to fill the 3rd District vacancy in the United States House of
14 Representatives; he was reelected three times, serving from
15 April 4, 1989, to January 3, 1997, and was a founding member
16 of the Blue Dog Coalition of moderate Democrats in 1994; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure in Congress, he served on
18 the House Armed Services Committee and the House Budget
19 Committee, focusing on military readiness and balancing the
20 federal budget; among his accomplishments, he successfully
21 defended Fort McClellan, the Army training base in his
22 district, from three efforts to close it in the early 1990s,
23 and he also advocated for benefits for veterans returning with
24 symptoms that came to be known as Gulf War Syndrome; and

25 WHEREAS, through the years, he has also authored
26 three books and held the position of president of Data

1 Associates in Anniston, primarily conducting polls and
2 managing political campaigns; and

3 WHEREAS, at the age of 70, Dr. Browder is an iconic
4 figure in Alabama politics, and is he truly deserving of
5 special recognition for his many contributions; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That John Glen Browder, Ph.D., is
8 most highly honored and commended for his outstanding
9 accomplishments, and this resolution is offered in tribute to
10 him, along with best wishes in future endeavors.