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3 By Representative Poole
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8 COMMENDING ROBERT WALTER HIGGINS.

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10 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
11 extending our highest commendation to Robert Walter Higgins, a
12 state employee and veterans' advocate for two decades, for his
13 uncompromising dedication to veterans' benefits and claims
14 counseling and for providing critical services to veterans and
15 family members during their most difficult time of need; and

16 WHEREAS, his career with the Alabama Department of
17 Veterans' Affairs has been marked by exemplary competence and
18 diligence; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins was highly experienced and
20 proficient as the District II Manager and the Tuscaloosa
21 County Veterans' Service Officer; and

22 WHEREAS, his exceptional performance, focus of
23 effort, and attention to duty resulted in improving the
24 quality of life of many veterans and family members through
25 education benefits, assistance in claims processing, and
26 generating hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue via

1 veteran education, pension, and disability benefit payments;
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3 WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins successfully implemented a
4 network hub system within District II to ensure that all
5 veterans and their families understand and receive all the
6 benefits, support, care, and recognition that they have earned
7 and to which they are entitled; and

8 WHEREAS, through his compassion and selfless
9 service, Mr. Higgins participated in several veterans'
10 outreach events such as Homeless Veterans Stand Downs to
11 receive food, clothing, and medical assistance, as well as
12 Veterans Supermarket of Veterans Benefits, where information
13 and assistance were provided to all veterans present; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on the occasion of his
17 retirement and in recognition of his 20 years of dedicated
18 service, accomplishments, and outstanding support of Alabama
19 Veterans, Robert Walter Higgins is honored and commended, and
20 this resolution is offered to him in highest admiration on
21 behalf of the grateful citizens of the State of Alabama.