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8 RECOGNIZING DR. DONALD G. SMITH FOR 50 YEARS OF
9 PRACTICING DENTISTRY AND FOR HIS VOLUNTEERISM TO BLOUNTSVILLE,
10 ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.
13 Donald G. Smith is recognized for his exceptional commitment
14 of more than 50 years of practicing dentistry and for his
15 dedicated volunteerism to his hometown of Blountsville,
16 Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, as a young graduate of J.B. Pennington High
18 School, Dr. Smith served his country with honor and
19 distinction in the United States Air Force as a linguist and
20 "listening in" on what our history books refer to as the
21 "former Soviet Union" during the "Cold War"; and

22 WHEREAS, after his military service, Dr. Smith
23 returned to Alabama, worked his way through college, and
24 completed his graduate and dental certifications under the
25 G.I. Bill at The University of Alabama; he ultimately returned
26 to Blountsville to work with Dr. Max Bains to help people of
27 all socioeconomic backgrounds in rural North Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, he has been a solid, lifelong supporter of
2 J.B. Pennington High School, receiving the J.B. Pennington
3 Alumni Award and being recognized by the school's alumni
4 association for his devotion and service; and

5 WHEREAS, he has worked with the Blountsville
6 Elementary School and community to help children and senior
7 citizens who needed dental care but could not afford the
8 needed services; and

9 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Smith has quietly
10 helped and encouraged many students and young people to excel
11 academically, in sports, and by continuing their education in
12 order to do better in life and in the world of work; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith, who came from humble beginnings
14 on a farm in Blountsville, continues to farm and support the
15 local agriculture community by his promotion of the Annual
16 Blountsville Harvest Festival, and he has made the
17 Blountsville Community a better place by his volunteerism and
18 service to mankind; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Donald G. Smith is hereby
21 most highly honored for his selfless service of more than 50
22 years to his fellowman and that a copy of this resolution be
23 provided to him as evidence of the esteem in which he is held.