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3 By Representatives England and Drake
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8 COMMENDING LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. J. SMITH FOR
9 OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Lieutenant Colonel R. J. Smith for outstanding
13 professional achievement on the occasion of his retirement
14 from the United States Air Force and the Alabama Air National
15 Guard on June 1, 2015, after 29 and a half years of
16 distinguished service across three branches of the military;
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18 WHEREAS, his assignments have included flying RC-12s
19 at Camp Humphreys, Korea, where he served as the MX Platoon
20 LDR and flew the DMZ for about a year; serving as the third
21 Army Aviation Officer at Ft. McPherson, Georgia; serving as
22 the ATB Intelligence Officer and Assistant Operations Officer
23 at Fort Rucker; serving the 117 ARW as copilot, aircraft CDR,
24 and instructor pilot; serving as a traditional guardsman,
25 technician, and as an active guard member; and serving as
26 Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Safety, and Chief of Current

1 Operations; he has invaluable experience flying in Europe,
2 Asia, South America, and the Pacific in multiple combat
3 operations; and

4 WHEREAS, the accomplished native of Birmingham,
5 Alabama, attended Alabama A and M University, where he was
6 heavily involved in campus organizations; at this time he
7 joined the Marine Corps Reserves, and once contracted by ROTC,
8 he did an inter-service transfer from the Marine Corps
9 Reserves to the Alabama Army National Guard; he transferred to
10 Alabama State University where he majored in CRJ, was on the
11 Dean's List, and graduated cum laude; while at Alabama A and
12 M, he attended ROTC at AUM, which was a part of Auburn's main
13 campus program at the time; while at Auburn, he was a Cadet
14 Battalion CDR, a Distinguished Military Student, and a
15 Distinguished Military Graduate; he attended Army Helicopter
16 training at Ft. Rucker, Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel R.J. Smith has a
18 beautiful wife and two cherished children; and

19 WHEREAS, through the years, Lieutenant Colonel R.J.
20 Smith has earned immense respect for his tireless dedication
21 and exceptional abilities; his unwavering commitment to
22 excellence in the defense of freedom and democracy reflect
23 immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; now
24 therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Lieutenant Colonel R.J. Smith

1 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
2 offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along
3 with sincere best