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3 By Representatives Bridges, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Baughn,  
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy, Brown,  
5 Burdine, Buskey, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke,  
6 Clouse, Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco,  
7 Drake, England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston,  
8 Givan, Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry,  
9 Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard  
10 (M), Hurst, Ison, Jackson, Johnson (A), Johnson (K), Johnson  
11 (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight, Lee, Lindsey, Long, McAdory,  
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,  
13 McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B),  
14 Moore (M), Morrow, Newton, Nordgren, Patterson, Payne,  
15 Polizos, Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O),  
16 Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver,  
17 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren,  
18 Weaver, Wilcox, Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams (P)  
19 and Wood  
20 RFD:  
21 First Read: 02-APR-14

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8 COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD LAIRD FOR  
9 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that  
12 Representative Richard Laird is recognized for his longtime  
13 service to the people of the State of Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, first elected in 1978, he has ably and  
15 admirably served the citizens of House District 37, comprised  
16 of Clay, Randolph, and a portion of Chambers Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, a graduate of The University of Alabama, he  
18 serves as President of Ranco Inc., Real Estate and  
19 Development; and

20 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Peggy, have a son, Joel;  
21 he is a member of Handley Avenue Church of God and Randolph  
22 County Camp of Gideons International; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Laird's record of community  
24 service is distinguished and varied, including the Roanoke  
25 City Council, the Cattleman's Association, Boys Scouts of  
26 America, the United Givers Fund, Handley Avenue Church of God,

1 Alabama Farmers Federation, and the Chamber of Commerce, in  
2 addition to many other worthy civic causes and services; and

3 WHEREAS, often viewed by fellow Legislators as a  
4 voice of reason and morality, his experience and expertise  
5 have proven essential to the process; and his contributions to  
6 the Rules, Health, Ways and Means General Fund, Transportation  
7 Utilities and Infrastructure, and County and Municipal  
8 Government Committees and the Legislative Building Authority  
9 have been both insightful and invaluable; and

10 WHEREAS, with significant personal sacrifice,  
11 Representative Laird has labored for over a remarkable three  
12 and one-half decades to improve our country, our state, our  
13 government, and especially the lives of our citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, a revered and respected friend of  
15 Legislators, staff, and others in the Legislative Community,  
16 all are sincerely thankful for his considerable contributions  
17 to Alabama, and for his thoughtfulness and many personal  
18 kindnesses; his decision not to seek reelection in 2014 is  
19 acknowledged with deep regret by his friends and fellow  
20 members of the House of Representatives; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Representative Richard Laird  
23 is most highly commended for his 36 meritorious years of  
24 service, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be  
25 presented to him in admiration and appreciation, along with  
26 best wishes for success, happiness, and good health in all  
27 future endeavors.

