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3 By Senator Orr
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8 COMMENDING WILLIAM D. (BILL) NEWTON FOR OUTSTANDING
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to our good friend and colleague, Bill Newton, for
13 outstanding professional achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, his extensive record of excellence and an
15 impressive skill set combined with his expert guidance and
16 leadership, diligence, strong work ethic, and impeccable
17 attention to detail have served as invaluable assets to the
18 people of the State of Alabama for 40 years; and

19 WHEREAS, during his remarkable tenure with the State
20 of Alabama Finance Department in Montgomery, Alabama, from
21 April 1994 until November 2016 as Assistant Finance Director
22 and as Acting Director of Finance from May of 2009 through
23 January of 2011, and June of 2013 through October of 2016, he
24 expertly oversaw the budgeting, purchasing, accounting,
25 payroll, financial reporting, and debt management functions of
26 state government; and

1 WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished
2 career, he reached tremendous heights through his public
3 service as the Senate Fiscal Officer, the Director of the
4 Legislative Fiscal Office, and as the City of Huntsville
5 Finance Director; and

6 WHEREAS, the holder of a Bachelor of Science Degree
7 in Finance and a Master of Business Administration Degree from
8 The University of Alabama and a Juris Doctor Degree from Jones
9 School of Law, he also worked as an investment and commercial
10 banker prior to commencing his public service career; and

11 WHEREAS, his affiliations include the National
12 Association of State Budget Officers, which he has served as
13 president; the National Association of Legislative Fiscal
14 Officers, the Government Finance Officers Association, the
15 Alabama and American Bar Association, the First United
16 Methodist Church Board of Trustees, which he has served as
17 chair; the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which
18 he has served as chair; and the Alabama Trust Fund Board,
19 which he has served as vice chair; and

20 WHEREAS, through the years, Bill Newton has earned
21 immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
22 abilities, and he is truly deserving of special commendation
23 and praise; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Bill Newton is honored and
26 commended, and this resolution is offered to him in highest

1 tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued success
2 in all future endeavors.