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3 By Senators Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Scofield, Sessions,
7 Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver,
8 Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR111,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR MALIKA SANDERS-FORTIER ON HER
6 RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE.

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8 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 2019-2022
9 quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Senator Malika
10 Sanders-Fortier will conclude her tenure in the Alabama
11 Senate; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders-Fortier was born in
13 Birmingham, Alabama, and was reared in Selma, Alabama; after
14 graduating from Spelman College with a degree in Psychology
15 and earning her Juris Doctor from the Birmingham School of
16 Law, she returned to Selma and joined the law firm of
17 Chestnut, Sanders, and Sanders, L.L.C., of which she is now
18 managing partner; and

19 WHEREAS, the daughter of Hank Sanders, a state
20 senator for 35 years, and Faya Rose Toure', a renowned civil
21 rights activist, Senator Sanders-Fortier was born into a
22 family highly committed to community, equality, and justice;
23 she thus views her position in public office as the
24 culmination of a decades-long and, truly, centuries-long path
25 towards social progress which has been trod by generations

1 before her, and also views her public office as her
2 opportunity to minister to others; and

3 WHEREAS, indeed, Senator Sanders-Fortier, Alabama's
4 first woman senator from the Black Belt, believes that her
5 election was the completion of a journey started by Ms. Amelia
6 Boynton Robinson, who, in addition to being Senator
7 Sanders-Fortier's mentor, once ran for elected office herself
8 immediately after the 1965 passage of the Civil Rights Act, as
9 featured in the movie, "Selma"; and

10 WHEREAS, among all these accomplishments and
11 sacrifices, Senator Sanders-Fortier is a wife to her husband
12 and law school classmate, Franklin B. Fortier, and a devoted
13 mother to her lovely children: Askhari, Azali, Ayiraa,
14 Ayyanna, Asa, and Asha; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders-Fortier's efforts to
16 improve this world for future generations extend beyond her
17 family; she serves with the 21st Century Youth Leadership
18 Movement, purposed to develop young leaders to continue the
19 legacy of the Civil Rights Movement so that they may pick the
20 "promised fruit yet unharvested that another generation must
21 harvest"; Senator Sanders-Fortier is herself a product of the
22 movement, as she attended the group's summer camps in her
23 youth, and subsequently became its executive director; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders-Fortier lives her life by a
25 few mottos, including: "Fortiers finish", as she tells her

1 children is their family motto; "fighting for the least of
2 these," the motto of her law firm; and she has spent her life
3 fighting to build what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned
4 as "the enlightened Beloved Community"; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders-Fortier has been recognized
6 for her efforts in publications such as the New York Times,
7 Utne, Essence, and as a guest on the Tom Joyner Morning Show;
8 however, this body prays that the accolades of this resolution
9 help convey to her the appreciation and respect her colleagues
10 hold for her; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Malika Sanders-Fortier
13 is hereby commended for her service to the State of Alabama
14 and its peoples, both within and without the State House, and
15 that a copy of this resolution be presented to her as a token
16 of our immense esteem and deep gratitude.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 07-APR-22

By: Senator Reed