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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, McClendon,

6    Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield,

7    Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,

8    Weaver, Whatley and Williams

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4    ENROLLED, SJR114,

5         COMMENDING SENATOR DEL MARSH ON HIS RETIREMENT AND

6    YEARS OF SERVICE.

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8         WHEREAS, with the conclusion of the 2019-2022

9    quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama, Senator Del Marsh

10   will end an accomplished legislative career spanning over two

11   decades; and

12        WHEREAS, Senator Marsh first won election to

13   represent the 12th Senate District in the Alabama Senate in

14   1998, and has been reelected to that office five times; in

15   2010, he was chosen as President Pro Tempore of the Alabama

16   Senate, an office he held until last year; when a vacancy

17   occurred in the office of Lieutenant Governor following

18   succession of Governor Kay Ivey to her current position in

19   2017, Senator Marsh presided over the Senate for two years;

20   and

21        WHEREAS, just as anyone who knows Senator Marsh can

22   confirm, sitting on the chair as presiding officer of the

23   Senate was not for him; the "honey badger" of the State House

24   needed to work the floor, sniff for votes, and claw his way to

25   bill passage; he felt that the chair sometimes got in his way;

1    as such, he stepped down from his post as President Pro

2    Tempore, in order to re-enter the fray; and

3              WHEREAS, Senator Marsh treasures his wife, Ginger,

4    and is father to two wonderful children: Justin, married to

5    wife Carolyne; and Christine, married to husband Wil; Senator

6    Marsh also has six grandchildren whom he loves dearly; and

7              WHEREAS, Senator Marsh's wife, Ginger, is a public

8    school educator, and his children are products of the public

9    education system; as such, Senator Marsh has championed the

10   cause of public education throughout his Senate career; one of

11   the highlights of his legislative portfolio is the Alabama

12   Accountability Act, to ensure proper use of education

13   resources and to provide for more school choice in Alabama; he

14   has continued to fight for this cause during his final days

15   serving in the Senate chamber; indeed, the State House's own

16   "honey badger" has duly earned that maverick reputation

17   through his perseverance and tenacity in advocating for his

18   legislative proposals; and

19             WHEREAS, in addition to serving ex officio on every

20   Senate committee during his tenure as President of the Senate,

21   Senator Marsh has lent his judgment and expertise to all of

22   the following Senate standing committees: the Judiciary

23   Committee; the Finance and Taxation, Education Committee; the

24   Local Legislation Committee; the Governmental Affairs

25   Committee; and the Tourism Committee, as chair, as well as the

1    former Tourism and Marketing Committee, also as chair;

2    additionally, he has served on the Permanent Joint Legislative

3    Advisory Committee on Economic Incentives; and

4              WHEREAS, for all these reasons recounted within this

5    resolution and countless more, this body will miss Senator

6    Marsh following his departure, and wishes him the best in all

7    his future endeavors; now therefore,

8              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH

9    HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Del Marsh is hereby

10   commended in the highest manner for his exemplary service to

11   the Legislature of Alabama, the State of Alabama, and all of

12   its citizens; and that a copy of this resolution be presented

13   to him as a token of our endless thanks and the immense esteem

14   in which he is regarded.

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4            President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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6            Speaker of the House of Representatives

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9  I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
10 originated in and was adopted by the Senate.
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12                           Patrick Harris,
13                           Secretary.
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17 House of Representatives
18 Adopted: 07-APR-22

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21 By: Senator Reed