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3 By Senator Ward
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 28-FEB-17

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4 ENROLLED, SJR43,

5 COMMENDING TOM WALKER, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE
6 AMERICAN VILLAGE HISTORY AND CIVICS EDUCATION CENTER, ON HIS
7 APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL
8 COMMISSION.

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10 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
11 presented to Tom Walker, founder and CEO of the American
12 Village history and civics education center, on being one of
13 the 16 citizen members appointed to serve on the United States
14 Semiquincentennial Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, the accomplished Montevallo, Alabama,
16 resident earned the honor due in part to his role in founding
17 the American Village Citizenship Trust in 1995 to instill in
18 young people a knowledge and excitement regarding the
19 foundations of American liberty and constitutional
20 self-government; and

21 WHEREAS, as a member of the elite United States
22 Semiquincentennial Commission, he will assist in planning the
23 country's commemoration of its 250th Birthday on July 4, 2026;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Walker has been lauded by former
2 Congressman Spencer Bachus as an instrumental figure in the
3 location of the National Veterans Cemetery adjoining the
4 American Village; he has garnered accolades including the
5 Cornerstone of Liberty Legacy Award presented by the American
6 Village board, the American Bar Association's highest national
7 award for Excellence in Law-Related Education, and selection
8 as Citizen of the Year by the Birmingham Women's Committee of
9 100; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Walker, an honors history and political
11 science graduate of the University of Montevallo with a
12 graduate degree in political science from Mississippi State
13 University, has served as city manager of Northport, Alabama,
14 a former association executive, and Assistant to the President
15 at the University at Montevallo; he and his wife, Betty, have
16 three adult children, Matt Walker, Jane Walker Herndon, and
17 Dr. Jeff Walker; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom Walker's profound impact upon our state
19 and nation through his integral role in promoting American
20 History and Civics is a tremendous source of credit, and he is
21 truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now
22 therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Tom Walker is highly honored
25 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in

1 highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued
2 success in the future.

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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: 02-MAR-17

By: Senator Ward