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3 By Senators French, Waggoner, Erwin, and Smitherman
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4 ENROLLED, SJR54,

5 COMMENDING BILL BOLEN FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, highest commendation is extended to Bill
8 Bolen of Birmingham, Alabama, in recognition of his
9 illustrious broadcasting career of more than half a century;
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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen has announced his retirement from
12 "Good Day Alabama" on Channel 6, where he has been a fixture
13 for the past 40 years; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Selma, where he began as a
15 radio announcer in 1947, Mr. Bolen is a graduate of The
16 University of Alabama and served his country with honor and
17 distinction in the United States Air Force; he came to
18 Birmingham in 1954 as a disc jockey and news director at
19 WSGN-AM, staying for 11 years prior to breaking into
20 television at the CBS affiliate WBMG-TV/Channel 42, where he
21 gathered the news with a Polaroid camera and a tape recorder;
22 his final career move came in 1969 when he joined Channel 6;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen is widely admired as the Dean of
25 Birmingham newscasters, and he has been the reliable source of

1 news for countless viewers spanning generations; his presence
2 on the airwaves will be greatly missed, but his reputation for
3 fair and accurate news coverage will endure; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
6 distinguished career of achievement and service, Bill Bolen is
7 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
8 highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him on the
9 occasion of his well-earned retirement after 40 years of
10 newscasting on Channel 6 in Birmingham.

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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.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 23-FEB-10

By: Senator French