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3 By Senator Butler
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 30-MAR-22

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4 ENROLLED, SJR99,

5 RECOGNIZING MAYOR BURWELL L. WILBANKS OF MADISON,
6 ALABAMA, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

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8 WHEREAS, it is a distinct privilege to recognize and
9 extend our highest commendations to Mr. Burwell L. "Sonny"
10 Wilbanks, longtime Mayor of Madison, Alabama, for his service
11 to his community and the State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks began service to the City of
13 Madison in 1969 and served in this important position until
14 September 1988; prior to serving as mayor, he served in the
15 United States Navy from 1950-1952; upon returning, he enrolled
16 in the Florence State Teachers College, now the University of
17 North Alabama and studied engineering at Auburn University;
18 Mayor Wilbanks worked as an engineer at NASA in the Saturn
19 Instrument Group, where he made two presentations to Wernher
20 von Braun and conducted meetings with top-level scientists; he
21 married Jane Bradley in 1958; Mayor Wilbanks has a daughter,
22 Jane Ellen Kennedy (Alan) and son, Brian Wilbanks (Emily); he
23 has three grandchildren, Drew, Brian, Jr., and Grace Ann; and

24 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Mr. Wilbanks
25 faced infrastructure demands, annexation threats, and

1 quality-of-life improvements for a small town posed to become
2 a city; during his administration, a high school was added,
3 Hughes Road was widened, a branch library was opened, the
4 first full-time firefighters were hired, the North Alabama Gas
5 District was founded, Madison's tax base was preserved with
6 the addition of Interstate 565, and the Huntsville annexation
7 was victoriously opposed, maintaining the City of Madison's
8 identity; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks has faithfully and
10 selflessly served the citizens of Madison, Alabama, for many
11 years making significant and lasting improvements to the city;
12 now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and highly
15 commend Mr. Burwell L. "Sonny" Wilbanks, longtime Mayor of
16 Madison, Alabama, and by copy of this resolution we extend to
17 him our highest tribute and deepest admiration, along with
18 best wishes in all future endeavors.

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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
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