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3 By Representative Mooney
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8 COMMENDING CLAY REDDEN FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF
9 DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

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11 WHEREAS, Clay Redden has rendered forty years of
12 dedicated service to the State Legislature, becoming
13 irreplaceable as the "Voice of the House"; and

14 WHEREAS, Clay's operatic voice is familiar to many,
15 even beyond the doors of the State House; Clay began his work
16 with the legislature in 1979 as a radio correspondent for WCOV
17 in Montgomery, and reported on legislation for a plethora of
18 radio stations before taking his career from public radio to
19 public service; and

20 WHEREAS, Clay's passion for radio and skillful
21 wielding of the spoken word have also led him to become a
22 prolific amateur radio operator; his friendly nature has
23 imparted to him a literal worldwide network, and his office
24 thus boasts radio contact cards from Antarctica all the way to
25 the International Space Station; and

26 WHEREAS, Clay is a huge supporter of the nation's
27 space program and the Alabama Space and Rocket Center; he has

1 an otherworldly zeal for interstellar lore, particularly the
2 famed Star Trek series, and he enjoys going boldly where no
3 man has gone before in his own personal "Honda Starship
4 Enterprise" which displays the vehicle tag number NCC1701; and

5 WHEREAS; Clay's interests are not limited to beyond
6 the stratosphere; he is also fascinated by earthbound trains
7 and has amassed a frighteningly impressive knowledge of the
8 major railroad lines in this country and the trains that
9 traveled them throughout history, like the mighty Southern
10 Crescent; and

11 WHEREAS, Clay's dynamic sense of humor is maybe best
12 shown by the names he bestows upon himself and his many
13 personas; even his beloved canine companion "Poor Devil" is
14 not immune from the facetious titles; and

15 WHEREAS, thousands of current and former
16 fourth-grade students throughout Alabama fondly remember their
17 House information sessions led by "Uncle Clay"; he is often
18 the first impression each Alabama elementary student has of
19 the Legislature, and many former students who are now House
20 staffers remember him distinctly as they now walk the State
21 House halls together; and

22 WHEREAS, "Farmer Clay," another of Clay's many
23 humorous personas, can often be seen mowing the grass with his
24 "Mighty Kubota" tractor, outfitted with its "spinning blades
25 of death," outside what he refers to as his "palatial
26 one-bedroom estate" in Prattville; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That this body commends Clay
3 Redden for his dedicated service to the Legislature of
4 Alabama.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body hereby
6 proclaims Clay Redden the resident expert on all things radio,
7 trains, Klingon, and Waffle House, and any member of this body
8 will henceforth yield control of the Waffle House jukebox to
9 Clay, so he may at any time enjoy his theme songs from old
10 television shows.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body hereby gives
12 Clay Redden a proper intergalactic salute: .-..- . /
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14 "Live Long and Prosper."