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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA FOR DISTINGUISHED
9 MILITARY SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
12 General Dennis L. Via in recognition of his distinguished
13 military career and dedicated service to the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, on August 7, 2012, General Dennis L. Via
15 assumed duties as the 18th Commander of the U. S. Army
16 Materiel Command, the Army's premier provider of materiel
17 readiness to ensure dominant land force capability for the
18 U.S. Warfighter and our allies; and

19 WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as commander,
20 General Via served as Deputy Commanding General of Army
21 Materiel Command and as Director for Command, Control,
22 Communications and Computer Systems, J-6, The Joint Staff,
23 Washington, D.C.; in 2011, he was deployed to Southwest Asia
24 as the Commander of the Army Materiel Command Responsible
25 Reset Task Force, with the mission of leading the strategic
26 integration of the materiel enterprise for the retrograde of
27 equipment and materiel out of Iraq;

1 WHEREAS, a native of Martinsville, Virginia, General
2 Via was commissioned in the Signal Corps on May 18, 1980,
3 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from
4 Virginia State University; furthermore, General Via holds a
5 Master's Degree from Boston University, and is a 1991 graduate
6 of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, a 1999
7 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, and is a member of the
8 Council on Foreign Relations; and

9 WHEREAS, General Via's distinguished service
10 includes numerous command assignments and staff assignments
11 around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, General Via holds the distinction of being
13 the only Signal Corps officer in U.S. Army history to be
14 promoted to 4-Star General; he has earned the Defense
15 Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal
16 with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the
17 Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious
18 Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service
19 Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal
20 with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Achievement Medal,
21 and the Army Achievement Medal; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in admiration and
24 appreciation of his distinguished career, it is a great
25 pleasure to honor and commend General Dennis L. Via, for whom
26 a copy of this resolution is provided with deepest gratitude

1 for his outstanding record of service and with best wishes in
2 all future endeavors.