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3 By Senators Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley
8 and Williams
9 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING FORMER STATE SENATOR LARRY DIXON FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, former State Senator Larry Dixon has
12 received two prestigious and well-deserved professional
13 awards, adding to the extensive list of his accomplishments;
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15 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon has been selected for the 2014
16 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Federation of State Medical
17 Boards and has also been inducted into the Alabama Healthcare
18 Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Oklahoma who adopted Alabama as
20 his home state, Larry Dixon received both a Bachelor of
21 Science Degree and a Master of Arts Degree in History from
22 Washington State University, followed by additional graduate
23 work in Texas, Georgia, and Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon served his country with honor
25 and distinction in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964,

1 stationed in Bamberg, Germany, and attaining the rank of
2 Sergeant (E-5); and

3 WHEREAS, after his military service, Larry Dixon
4 married the former Gaynell Kimbrough, at the First United
5 Methodist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, where they remain
6 active members; they have two daughters, Katherine Dixon
7 (Christopher L.) Hert and Elizabeth Dixon (Elliott Grier)
8 Allen, and three cherished grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth
9 Hert, Elliott Grier Allen, Jr., and William Walker Dixon
10 Allen; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon served a term on the Montgomery
12 City Council from 1975 to 1978, followed by four years in the
13 Alabama House of Representatives from 1978 to 1982, and was
14 then elected to seven consecutive terms in the Alabama Senate,
15 serving from 1982 until 2011 and earning the esteem of
16 colleagues and constituents; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1981, Larry Dixon has been the
18 Executive Director of the Alabama State Board of Medical
19 Examiners, an unparalleled tenure marked by outstanding
20 accomplishments and contributions to the people of our great
21 state and to the medical profession; and

22 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon has served the medical and
23 health communities in many capacities such as President of the
24 Administrators in Medicine Society, Incorporated, and member
25 of the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical
26 Boards Research and Education Foundation, among others; and

1 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon's causes have also included
2 public education and higher education, receiving many awards
3 and serving in various capacities, including a presidential
4 appointment to the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on
5 Education, appointment as Commissioner on the Commission on
6 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,
7 member of the Southern Regional Education Board and the
8 Educational Commission of the States, and appointment as a
9 Tuskegee University Trustee; and

10 WHEREAS, Larry Dixon has been a leader in civic and
11 community organizations, including the Montgomery Lions Club,
12 and has served on numerous boards; he has also been
13 politically engaged, attending National Republican Conventions
14 as an elected delegate for Ronald Reagan, Robert Dole, George
15 W. Bush, and Mitt Romney; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
17 Larry Dixon has earned respect for his exceptional abilities
18 and tireless dedication; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That is with great pleasure that we
21 recognize our good friend and former colleague, longtime State
22 Senator Larry Dixon and heartily congratulate him on receiving
23 the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Federation of State
24 Medical Boards and on being inducted into the Alabama
25 Healthcare Hall of Fame.