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3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Blackwell, Brewbaker,
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR86,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR HENRY "HANK" SANDERS FOR
6 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE
7 OF ALABAMA.

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9 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
10 are herein extended to our good friend and colleague, the
11 Honorable Henry "Hank" Sanders, for outstanding professional
12 achievement and service to the citizens of the State of
13 Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Hank Sanders, elected to the
15 Alabama State Senate in 1983, champions issues affecting
16 education, children, health care, women, tax reform,
17 constitutional reform, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, for 16 years, he served as Chairman of the
19 Finance and Taxation Education Committee, which handles the
20 multi-billion dollar state education budget; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders has served in the Alabama
22 Senate for three decades and received many awards and
23 recognitions, including being named "Legislator of the Year"
24 by various organizations and induction into the African Walk
25 of Fame in Durban, South Africa; and

1 WHEREAS, he writes a weekly column entitled "Senate
2 Sketches," which is published in various newspapers, on the
3 Internet, and in other publications; and

4 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Talladega College;
5 earned a special scholarship to attend Boston College; and
6 earned his Law Degree from Harvard Law School; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders was awarded a Ford
8 Foundation Fellowship that sent him to Africa for a year and a
9 Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship that sent him to Huntsville,
10 Alabama, to work for the poor with the Madison County Legal
11 Aid Society; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1971, Senator Sanders began what became
13 Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders, Pettway and Campbell, LLC, which
14 at the time, was the largest Black law firm in Alabama and one
15 of the ten largest in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Sanders' practice was one of service;
17 helping poor and Black people save their lands, protecting
18 people's constitutional rights, challenging corporate abuse
19 and helping build strong governments to serve all people; and

20 WHEREAS, he has helped found and build many
21 organizations and institutions, including the Alabama New
22 South Coalition, where he is currently President Emeritus;
23 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement; the National Voting
24 Rights Museum and Institute; the Slavery and Civil War Museum;
25 and the Bridge Crossing Jubilee; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders has a self-published book
2 entitled, "Take a Walk in My Shoes", which is a compilation of
3 several Senate Sketches; in 2004, he published his first
4 novel, "Death of a Fat Man"; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Senator Henry "Hank" Sanders
7 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
8 offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation for his
9 immeasurable service, as well as with sincere best wishes for
10 continued success 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
Adopted: 13-MAR-18

By: Senator Beasley