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3 By Senators Sessions, Williams, Figures, Albritton, Allen,
4 Barfoot, Beasley, Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen,
5 Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones,
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed,
7 Roberts, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Shelnut, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Ward and Whatley
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8 COMMENDING SENATOR RICHARD SHELBY FOR HIS LONG-TERM
9 SERVICE TO ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, Senator Richard Shelby has surpassed the
12 service record of John Sparkman to become the longest-serving
13 United States Senator from the State of Alabama; his service
14 includes four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives
15 before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986; prior to that
16 service, he served eight years as an Alabama State Senator;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Shelby was born in Birmingham,
19 Alabama, and educated in Alabama schools, including graduating
20 from the School of Law at The University of Alabama; among
21 other things, he has been an advocate for educational
22 institutions throughout Alabama his entire career; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Shelby is married to the former
24 Annette Nevin and together they have two children; following
25 his initial election to the U.S. Senate in 1986, he began a
26 policy of holding annual town hall meetings in each of the 67

1 counties in Alabama to keep in touch with the Alabama voters
2 and he continues that practice; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Shelby has been appointed to key
4 Senate committees, including: Appropriations, Intelligence,
5 and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; in 2018, he was named
6 Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Senator Shelby has
8 demonstrated strong and capable leadership in numerous roles;
9 he has continued to use his political clout to direct federal
10 funds and programs back to Alabama whenever possible; he is
11 credited with securing resources for projects for Alabama
12 including the federal prison for women in Aliceville, the
13 Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, and directing
14 federal funds and programs for buildings, research centers,
15 highways, education, and numerous other projects in Alabama;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, demonstrating patriotism and civic
18 commitment, Senator Shelby has supported causes and developed
19 federal resources for the residents of Alabama, building a
20 reputation of integrity; his accomplishments and service have
21 placed him in a category of individuals whose public-spirited
22 service contributes to the greatness of the State of Alabama;
23 now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to commend
26 Senator Richard Shelby on his successful career and his
27 exceptional service to the residents of the State of Alabama,

1 and by copy of this resolution we convey our highest esteem
2 along with best wishes for all his continuing endeavors.