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3 By Senators Ward and Orr  
4 RFD:  
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8 COMMENDING TOM WALKER, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE  
9 AMERICAN VILLAGE HISTORY AND CIVICS EDUCATION CENTER, ON HIS  
10 APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL  
11 COMMISSION.

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13 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
14 presented to Tom Walker, founder and CEO of the American  
15 Village history and civics education center, on being one of  
16 the 16 citizen members appointed to serve on the United States  
17 Semiquincentennial Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, the accomplished Montevallo, Alabama,  
19 resident earned the honor due in part to his role in founding  
20 the American Village Citizenship Trust in 1995 to instill in  
21 young people a knowledge and excitement regarding the  
22 foundations of American liberty and constitutional  
23 self-government; and

24 WHEREAS, as a member of the elite United States  
25 Semiquincentennial Commission, he will assist in planning the  
26 country's commemoration of its 250th Birthday on July 4, 2026;  
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1                   WHEREAS, Tom Walker has been lauded by former  
2                   Congressman Spencer Bachus as an instrumental figure in the  
3                   location of the National Veterans Cemetery adjoining the  
4                   American Village; he has garnered accolades including the  
5                   Cornerstone of Liberty Legacy Award presented by the American  
6                   Village board, the American Bar Association's highest national  
7                   award for Excellence in Law-Related Education, and selection  
8                   as Citizen of the Year by the Birmingham Women's Committee of  
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10                   WHEREAS, Tom Walker, an honors history and political  
11                   science graduate of the University of Montevallo with a  
12                   graduate degree in political science from Mississippi State  
13                   University, has served as city manager of Northport, Alabama,  
14                   a former association executive, and Assistant to the President  
15                   at the University at Montevallo; he and his wife, Betty, have  
16                   three adult children, Matt Walker, Jane Walker Herndon, and  
17                   Dr. Jeff Walker; and

18                   WHEREAS, Tom Walker's profound impact upon our state  
19                   and nation through his integral role in promoting American  
20                   History and Civics is a tremendous source of credit, and he is  
21                   truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now  
22                   therefore,

23                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
24                   ALABAMA, That Tom Walker is highly honored and commended, and  
25                   this resolution is offered to him in highest tribute, along  
26                   with sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.