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3 By Representative England
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING EARL HILLIARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
9 AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Congressman Earl Frederick
13 Hilliard, who was elected to represent Alabama in Congress in
14 1992, and re-elected in 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000; his
15 election to the 103rd United States Congress in 1992 marked
16 the first time an African American had represented Alabama
17 since Reconstruction; and

18 WHEREAS, Hilliard earned degrees from Morehouse
19 College, Howard University, and Atlanta University; he was
20 awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters 2000 from
21 Talladega College; he taught at Miles College in 1967 and
22 1968, and was assistant to the President of Alabama State
23 University from 1968 to 1970; and

24 WHEREAS, before being elected to Congress, Hilliard
25 served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 1975 to
26 1981 and the Alabama Senate from 1981 to 1992; during his time
27 in the Legislature, he chaired the Senate Commerce,

1 Transportation and Utility Committee and the Senate Judiciary
2 Committee; in 1986 and 1990, he was Chair of the Jefferson
3 County Senate Delegation; and

4 WHEREAS, in June 2016, Congressman Hilliard and his
5 wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary; they
6 have two children, Alesia Hilliard-Smith and Earl Hilliard,
7 Jr., and four grandchildren; he is a Life Member of Alpha Phi
8 Alpha Fraternity and the NAACP; he is also a member of the
9 National Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar
10 Association; and

11 WHEREAS, an avid civil rights foot soldier, Hilliard
12 worked with voter registration drives and participated in many
13 protest marches; he represented a congressional district that
14 included major cities at the heart of the civil rights
15 movement, including Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham; and

16 WHEREAS, his record of excellence and service
17 reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; the
18 contributions of Congressman Hilliard are numerous and
19 valuable to the citizens of Alabama and he is truly deserving
20 of special recognition; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
23 exceptional record of service, Congressman Earl Hilliard is
24 honored and commended and this resolution is offered in
25 highest tribute to him along with best wishes for success in
26 all future endeavors.