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3 By Senators Roberts, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 01-FEB-22

COMMENDING COLONEL DAVID B. ETHEREDGE FOR HIS
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

WHEREAS, it is with great honor that we extend
highest commendations to Colonel David B. Etheredge for his
many dedicated years of service to the United States Air
Force; he serves as the Commander of the 117th Maintenance
Group, Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base, in Birmingham,
Alabama, and is a a Senior Evaluator Pilot on the KC-135R/T
with the Alabama Air National Guard; as Group Commander, he is
responsible for over 300 personnel in a TFA ANG Active
Associate Wing to generate and execute nine KC-135R aircraft
to provide worldwide aerial refueling and airlift missions;
and

WHEREAS, moving through the ranks over the years,
Colonel Etheredge was promoted to Second Lieutenant on June 9,
1994; First Lieutenant on June 23, 1996; Captain on June 23,
1998; Major on July 2, 2002; Lieutenant Colonel on July 2,
2009; and Colonel on January 1, 2019; he is a highly decorated
pilot, holding a Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf

1 Cluster, an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and an
2 Aerial Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, who has
3 accumulated more than 5,100 flying hours; the aircraft that he
4 has flown are T-37, T-38, and KC-135R/T; and

5 WHEREAS, during his career, Colonel Etheredge has
6 served in a variety of positions at the squadron, group, and
7 wing levels, including, Operations Support Squadron Commander,
8 Chief of Wing Tactics, and Chief of Aircrew Training;
9 furthermore, he is a veteran of operations Joint Forge, Iraqi
10 Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch, Southern Watch,
11 Inherent Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel, and Noble Eagle, flying
12 over 220 combat and combat support sorties in the KC-135;
13 also, he is a Flying Safety Officer, an Aircraft Mishap
14 Investigator, and the Safety and Accident Investigation Board
15 President; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Etheredge earned a Bachelor of
17 Science Degree in Business Administration from Auburn
18 University in Auburn, Alabama, in 1989; and a Master of
19 Business Administration Degree from The University of Alabama
20 at Birmingham in 1997; furthermore, he graduated from Squadron
21 Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama in 2000,
22 Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Airforce Base in
23 Alabama in 2004, and Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base
24 in Alabama in 2014; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Etheredge's unwavering bravery,
26 steadfast selflessness, and diligent commitment to serving

1 others make him an incredible leader and friend in the lives
2 of many; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Colonel David B. Etheredge is
5 highly commended for diligently serving the United States Air
6 Force for many years, and this resolution hereby serves as a
7 tribute to him with warmest gratitude and admiration, along
8 with sincere best wishes for continued happiness and success
9 in all future endeavors.