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3 By Representative Clarke  
4 RFD: Rules  
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HONORING MR. JAMES K. LYONS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA AS STATE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER OF THE ALABAMA STATE DOCKS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we  
highly honor Mr. James K. "Jimmy" Lyons, the husband of our  
good friend and former colleague, Beth Lyons, for his  
contributions to the State of Alabama as Director and Chief  
Executive Officer of the Alabama State Docks; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Mr. Lyons has  
achieved a plethora of accomplishments; on October 1, 1997,  
the Alabama State Docks Director retained the professional  
advisory services of Mr. Lyons to develop cargo opportunities  
for the agency; on October 27, 1998, he was named Deputy  
Assistant Director of the Alabama State Docks and was  
responsible for the marketing and business development of the  
agency; on May 11, 1999, Governor Don Siegelman appointed Mr.  
Lyons as Acting Director of the Alabama State Docks to oversee  
the promotion, construction, and operations of the State  
Docks; on August 28, 2000, the Alabama State Port Authority

1 Board of Directors appointed him as Director and Chief  
2 Executive Officer; and

3 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Lyons has overseen  
4 land acquisitions and sales, study, permitting, construction,  
5 and refurbishment of new and existing terminals, including the  
6 Axis Inland Dock, Pier A North, the CG Railway, and more;  
7 leveraged private capital to develop McDuffie Terminal, the  
8 grain elevator, a refrigerated cargo terminal, a steel coil  
9 terminal, and others; directly contributed to statewide  
10 economic development projects that recruited Yamaha Motor  
11 Corporation, International Shipholding Corporation, and  
12 Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, amongst others;  
13 supervised the issuance and the refunding of Alabama State  
14 Port Authority Facilities Revenue Bonds; and entered into  
15 Memoranda of Agreement with the United States Army Corps of  
16 Engineers to construct a new Turning Basin and to deepen and  
17 widen the Mobile Ship Channel to service ultra-large ships,  
18 which will make Alabama's only seaport one of the nation's  
19 deepest seaports by 2025; and

20 WHEREAS, an inspirational leader and a man of  
21 steadfast diligence, Mr. Lyons is very deserving of special  
22 recognition; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. James K. "Jimmy" Lyons is  
25 warmly honored for his contributions to the State of Alabama  
26 as Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Alabama State  
27 Docks, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to him with

1       utmost appreciation and admiration, along with sincere best  
2       wishes for continued success during his retirement.