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8	COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE MERIKA COLEMAN FOR
9	DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.
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11	WHEREAS, we note with utmost admiration and
12	appreciation the distinguished service of our friend and
13	colleague, Representative Merika Coleman, who has diligently
14	served the citizens of the State of Alabama and House District
15	57 in Jefferson County; and
16	WHEREAS, since becoming a member of the Alabama
17	State House of Representatives in 2002, Representative Coleman
18	has been actively involved in the legislative process through
19	her varied responsibilities; and
20	WHEREAS, while Representative Coleman has been the
21	sponsor of many important pieces of legislation, few have had
22	the reach of her work to permanently remove racist language in
23	our constitution and her efforts to modernize this
24	foundational document governing the State of Alabama; and
25	WHEREAS, Representative Coleman holds a Bachelor of
26	Arts Degree in Mass Communication and a Master of Public
27	Administration Degree from The University of Alabama at

Birmingham and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Birmingham 1 2 School of Law; she is the Director of Community and Economic Development at Miles College and also serves the Greater 3 Birmingham Ministries Board; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; 5 Links, Inc.; Jack and Jill of America; the Women's Legislators' Lobby; the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; the National Foundation for Women Legislators; the American State Legislators for Gun Violence 9 Prevention Steering Committee; the Midfield Voter's League as 10 a Founding Member; the State Democratic Executive Committee; the County Democratic Executive Committee as Finance 11 Chairwoman; the Legislative Black Caucus as a former 12 13 Secretary; the House Democratic Policy Committee; and the 14 House Democratic Caucus as an Assistant Minority Leader; from 15 2014 to 2018, she served on the Financial Services Committee, 16 the Judiciary Committee, and the Jefferson County Legislation; 17 and 18 WHEREAS, dedicated to her family, Representative Coleman has two children, Elexia and Xaviar; and 19 2.0 WHEREAS, Representative Coleman's commitment to 21 public service is unsurpassed; we are privileged to have 22 served with this exemplary Alabama stateswoman; now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 23 24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby heartily commend 25 Representative Merika Coleman for her outstanding record of service to the citizens of House District 57 and the State of 26

Alabama and for her invaluable contributions to this body over

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- 1 the years; we direct that a copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to Representative Coleman with our highest esteem
- 3 and appreciation.