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3 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 11-JAN-22

COMMENDING DON DAILEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION.

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, Alabama Public
Television announced the retirement of Don Dailey, longtime
Alabama political journalist and host of Alabama Public
Television's "Capitol Journal"; and

WHEREAS, although he was a regular sight around Goat
Hill for decades, Mr. Dailey first began his journalistic
career working in other media in various Alabama locales; Mr.
Dailey got his start during high school in Marengo County
working at a small radio station in Demopolis, and then, while
earning his Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism from
Troy University, worked at various stations in Monroeville,
Troy, and Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, after covering Birmingham and the Wiregrass
regions as a radio reporter and serving as News Director of
Cox Media Group in Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. Dailey truly found
his niche in the world of journalism when he joined Alabama
Public Television as News and Public Affairs Director and,

1 most recognizably, as host of the "Capitol Journal" and
2 "Spotlight on Education" programs; and

3 WHEREAS, whether it was on his "Word of the Week"
4 segment on Alabama Public Radio or on his nightly "Capitol
5 Journal" program, Mr. Dailey spent his career bringing the
6 State House to the people; his accessible and informative
7 reporting style and his exclusive interviews with state
8 government figures made each and every citizen feel as if they
9 themselves were in the press booth, separated from the
10 political proceedings only by a mere pane of glass; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout this lengthy career in Alabama
12 media, both political and not, Mr. Dailey served as an example
13 of journalistic objectivity, one of the guiding principles of
14 journalism; by constantly striving - and succeeding - to
15 maintain impartiality while delving into the nuances of local
16 and state politics, Mr. Dailey did his critical part in
17 working to preserve democracy; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dailey is owed endless thanks for his
19 indispensable role in educating Alabamians on the political
20 process and keeping the public informed of the operations of
21 their government; with this resolution, this body aims to do
22 its small part in honoring this true gentleman of the Fourth
23 Estate; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Don Dailey is commended
26 for his long career of public service through journalism, and

1 that a copy of this resolution be delivered to him as a small
2 token of our immense esteem and immeasurable gratitude.