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3 By Senators Allen, Reed, Waggoner, Singleton, Givhan, Orr,
4 Roberts, Holley, Livingston, Butler, McClendon, Marsh, Stutts,
5 Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Chambliss, Chesteen,
6 Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures, Gudger, Hatcher,
7 Jones, Melson, Price, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions,
8 Shelnutt, Smitherman, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
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4 ENROLLED, SJR88,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR RICHARD SHELBY FOR HIS DEDICATED
6 SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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8 WHEREAS, Senator Richard Shelby has served the State
9 of Alabama in the United States Congress since 1979, first as
10 a Representative of the 7th Congressional District for four
11 terms, and then as United States Senator following election in
12 1986; in February of 2021, Senator Shelby announced that he
13 would not seek reelection after more than four decades of
14 representing this great state; and

15 WHEREAS, born on May 6, 1934, in Birmingham,
16 Alabama, to Alice S. and Ozie Houston Shelby; Richard Shelby
17 graduated from Hueytown High School in Hueytown, Alabama, in
18 1953; he went on to receive his undergraduate and law degrees
19 from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and practiced law
20 in Tuscaloosa for 15 years; this legal and legislative
21 education would serve him well throughout his career, to the
22 benefit of the people he represented; and

23 WHEREAS, Richard Shelby worked as a city prosecutor
24 in Birmingham from 1963 to 1971; during that time, he also
25 served as a U.S. magistrate for the Northern District of

1 Alabama and as Special Assistant Attorney General of Alabama;
 2 he was elected to the Alabama Senate in 1970, where he served
 3 the 16th State Senate District until his election to the
 4 United States House of Representatives in 1978; and

5 WHEREAS, immediately upon his inauguration into
 6 Congress, Richard Shelby's conservatism was apparent; he
 7 immediately began crafting and introducing legislation to
 8 provide for a "flat tax," to decrease the size of government,
 9 and to oppose what he labeled "government bailouts," which
 10 have remained his priorities throughout his tenure; he has
 11 introduced a flat tax in every Congress since his election to
 12 the United States Senate, as well as a Balanced Budget
 13 amendment to the United States Constitution; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Shelby's unwavering commitment to
 15 low taxes and small government earned him seats on all of the
 16 following committees: The Senate Committee on Appropriations,
 17 as former chair and current vice chair; Appropriations
 18 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, of which he
 19 served as chair; Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, of
 20 which he served as vice chair; Appropriations Subcommittee on
 21 Energy and Water Development; Appropriations Subcommittee on
 22 Homeland Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
 23 Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, of
 24 which he served as chair; Appropriations Subcommittee on
 25 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related

1 Agencies; the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban
 2 Affairs, of which he formerly served as chair and is the
 3 longest-serving member in the history of the United States;
 4 the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, of which he
 5 formerly served as chair; the Senate Committee on Environment
 6 and Public Works; and the Joint Committee of Congress on the
 7 Library, of which he formerly served as vice chair; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Richard Shelby has always had an
 9 eye for helping those within his state; he has played an
 10 instrumental role in supporting Department of Defense,
 11 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Federal
 12 Bureau of Investigation projects throughout the state, most
 13 notably in Huntsville; his support of all universities in
 14 Alabama is well-known, through securing research dollars and
 15 helping to build state-of-the-art campus infrastructure; in
 16 addition, he has maintained a strong focus on the Mobile area
 17 through support of the Port of Mobile and the Alabama Port
 18 Authority, the Mobile airport, and the area's shipbuilding
 19 industry, among other local and statewide interests; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout his time in public service,
 21 Senator Richard Shelby has been supported and strengthened by
 22 his loving wife, Annette Nevin Shelby, with whom he has raised
 23 two sons, Richard Craig, Jr., and Claude Nevin; in addition to
 24 being the Senator's faithful companion, she independently
 25 claims many accomplishments, including: A Bachelor of Arts and

1 Master of Arts from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. from
 2 Louisiana State University; membership in Phi Beta Kappa and
 3 Phi Kappa Phi; a tenure of two decades as a professor in the
 4 McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, where
 5 she was the first woman to become a full tenured professor;
 6 and served as director of both the Georgetown graduate and
 7 undergraduate programs at Oxford University; her cumulative
 8 teaching experience exceeds 30 years, and she was named
 9 professor emerita at Georgetown University in 1991; after 50
 10 years together, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shelby are truly an
 11 Alabama power couple for the ages; and

12 WHEREAS, the endless efforts of Senator Richard
 13 Shelby throughout his time in Congress were felt here in
 14 Alabama, as his tenure directly coincided with, and
 15 indubitably helped ensure, increased prosperity, industrial
 16 relevance, and economic advancement throughout the state; a
 17 humble leader and a true statesman, the world has seen only a
 18 select few Alabamians of such character and quality, and he
 19 has represented this state and its peoples in the best manner
 20 imaginable; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
 22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That United States Senator Richard
 23 Shelby is hereby commended for his dedicated service to the
 24 State of Alabama, and that this resolution is offered to him
 25 as a mere token of our immense gratitude.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body sends its
2 best wishes to Senator Richard Shelby in all his future
3 endeavors, which are bound to occur, but hopes and prays that,
4 among those endeavors, he is able to find some time to sit
5 under his own vine and fig tree, and appreciate the fruits of
6 his labors in peace.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 31-MAR-22

By: Senator Allen