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3 By Senators Weaver, Butler, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot,
4 Beasley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR61,

5 HONORING TOM WALKER ON HIS SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN
6 VILLAGE.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein presented
9 to Mr. Tom Walker for outstanding service to the American
10 Village; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom Walker is the Founder and President of
12 the American Village, chartered in 1995; in the late 1980s, he
13 conceived the idea of the American Village to be an American
14 history and civics educational campus to inspire and prepare
15 young people for their roles as good citizens and leaders; he
16 led efforts to build the 188-acre campus just south of
17 Birmingham, Alabama, in Montevallo, and to design and
18 implement its widely acclaimed and engaging history and civics
19 programs; the campus has served over three-quarters of a
20 million students from throughout the Southeastern United
21 States since its opening and draws thousands of visitors each
22 year; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2017, Tom Walker was one of only sixteen
24 citizens appointed by Congressional leaders to the United
25 States Semiquincentennial Commission; the commission is

1 responsible for leading the Nation's 250th birthday
2 celebration and commemoration of American Independence in
3 2026; he was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the national
4 commission at its first meeting in Philadelphia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker earned his Bachelor of Arts
6 Degree with honors in History and Political Science at the
7 University of Montevallo and his Master of Arts in Political
8 Science at Mississippi State University; and

9 WHEREAS, in December 2020, Mr. Walker was conferred
10 the Honorary Doctor of Laws by Troy University; he has
11 received numerous other honors; he is a past recipient of the
12 American Bar Association's highest national award for
13 excellence in K-12 law-related education; he is the recipient
14 of the DAR Medal of Honor and the SAR Gold Citizenship Medal,
15 the highest national honors awarded by the National Societies
16 of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Sons of
17 the American Revolution, respectively; he has received
18 numerous other state, regional, and national awards and was
19 named as "Birmingham Citizen of the Year" by The Women's
20 Committee of Birmingham; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is the former City Manager of
22 Northport, Alabama, and formerly served as Special Assistant
23 to the President of the University of Montevallo; he is the
24 former Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University
25 of Montevallo and was the founding chair of the Alabama Higher

1 Education Partnership; Mr. Walker is both a writer and
2 frequent speaker; he advocates teaching American history,
3 government, and civic engagement as a vital part of an
4 American education for students; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is married to the former Betty
6 Ann Driver of Montgomery and they have three adult children
7 and one grandson; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Tom Walker is highly
10 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
11 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
12 best wishes for all future endeavors.

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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: 10-MAR-22

By: Senator Weaver