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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Hall, Reynolds, Ball, Smith,
4 Whorton, Whitt and Daniels
5 RFD: Rules
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COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD SANDERFORD FOR HIS
MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard Sanderford will soon conclude a
lengthy and illustrious tenure in the House of
Representatives, where he has represented his fellow residents
of Huntsville and Madison County for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanderford was born on October 18,
1935, in Meridian, Mississippi; he earned his Bachelor of
Science in Accounting from Mississippi State University, where
he was active in student government; after serving as an
officer in the United States Marine Corps, where he
participated in the Beirut, Lebanon landing of 1958, he moved
to Alabama and began a business career in the information
technology sector, serving as an executive with IBM in
Huntsville until his "first retirement" in 1987; that
retirement did not last long, as he soon thereafter founded
Computer Leasing Company, Inc., of Huntsville, and still
serves as its president; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Sanderford won a special
2 election to represent the 20th District in the House of
3 Representatives of the Legislature of Alabama, a post he
4 treasures and has performed admirably in; and

5 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the House of
6 Representatives, Mr. Sanderford has served in a multitude of
7 capacities, including, but certainly not limited to: Chairman
8 of the House Boards, Agencies, and Commissions Committee;
9 Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee; Chair of
10 the Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement;
11 member of the Alabama Space Authority, and point man for the
12 annual NASA Day at the State House; longtime member of the
13 House Constitution, Campaign, and Elections Committee; and
14 member of the Internal Affairs Committee, the House Technology
15 and Research Committee, and the Madison County Legislation
16 Committee;

17 WHEREAS, in his years as Chairman of the House
18 Boards, Agencies, and Commissions Committee, Mr. Sanderford
19 took special care to maintain the effectiveness and financial
20 independence of the regulatory agencies of the state; as
21 example, Mr. Sanderford sponsored legislation allowing the
22 Home Builders Licensure Board to redistribute its funding, a
23 move that directly resulted in that board constructing its
24 current facility; the leadership provided by individuals such
25 as Mr. Sanderford has led to the Home Builders Licensure Board
26 and the other state agencies that safeguard our professions
27 and livelihoods today; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanderford's service to the State of
2 Alabama and its peoples extends beyond the titles he holds
3 within the State House; he has served on the executive board
4 of the Southern Legislative Conference for more than 30 years;
5 he serves on the executive committee of the Southern States
6 Energy Board; he served for seven years as the Chairman of the
7 Madison County Republican Executive Committee, before the
8 Republicans were quite as politically popular in the state; he
9 is also a member of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Board of
10 Directors, past President of the Huntsville Rotary Club, past
11 Chair and member of the Volunteers of America of North Alabama
12 Board, past Vice President of the Metropolitan YMCA Board,
13 past Boy Scout Creek District Finance Chairman, and past
14 Co-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Free Enterprise
15 Committee; he also served in the United Way Corporate Giving
16 Program and the Alabama Management Improvement Program, as
17 well as the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of World
18 Wars, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 237,
19 and the Military Officers Association of America; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanderford's proudest accomplishments
21 may be the large and beautiful family he has reared with his
22 dear wife, Dot, who must be considered one of Alabama's grand
23 dames and is surely the great woman behind this great man; Mr.
24 Sanderford and his wife have three daughters, four
25 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and a
26 step-great-grandson; and

1 WHEREAS, this body finds it necessary and proper to
2 recount, with great thanks, the manyfold accomplishments and
3 sacrifices of this former deacon, committee chairman, youth
4 Sunday school teacher, and church director as he departs from
5 the Sunset Committee and instead rides into the sunset; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Howard Sanderford is
9 commended in the highest manner for his many years of
10 dedicated service to the Legislature of Alabama, to the state,
11 and to its peoples.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body hereby
13 requests that the Home Builders Licensure Board dedicate its
14 facility in honor of Mr. Howard Sanderford, in recognition of
15 his accomplishments in the area of boards, agencies, and
16 commissions, and in recognition of his direct role in the
17 construction of that facility.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
19 resolution be presented to Mr. Howard Sanderford as a mere
20 token of our endless thanks, along with our best wishes for
21 his future endeavors.