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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING BRYAN DODSON FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Bryan Dodson for outstanding
13 professional achievement on the occasion of his retirement as
14 CEO and President of the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson has dedicated his entire career
17 to making life better for thousands of citizens with
18 disabilities by enabling those who needed help the most to
19 gain independence through employment; and

20 WHEREAS, Bryan Dodson joined Huntsville
21 Rehabilitation Foundation in 1981, and became President in
22 1984; as a result, over 16,000 people with disabilities have
23 been provided services which have positively changed the
24 course of their lives by receiving training for both job
25 success and life skills, and meaningful employment and
26 benefits that enabled them to care for themselves and their

1 families; this, in turn, provided the most valuable benefit of
2 all, self-esteem; and

3 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the annual wage for
4 people with disabilities has increased by almost 200 percent;
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6 WHEREAS, to help clients pursue financial
7 independence, Mr. Dodson obtained money management classes and
8 then, through a partnership with Redstone Federal Credit
9 Union, enabled those who completed the class to obtain
10 appropriate loans, giving them an opportunity that most of us
11 simply take for granted; and

12 WHEREAS, Brian Dodson's commitment to serve has not
13 been limited to the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, he
14 used their substantial profits and resources to serve other
15 non-profits engaging in improving the quality of life in our
16 community, including: providing a building for the Alabama
17 Department of Rehabilitation Services to enable much needed
18 services for children and adults; and providing startup
19 funding, facilities or grants to The Volunteer Center, Still
20 Serving Veterans, Kids on the Block, HEALS, INC., Community
21 Free Clinic, Madison County Special Olympics, Interfaith
22 Mission Service, and The United Way of Madison County; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a member of St. Thomas Episcopal
24 Church, and he has served as a member of several community and
25 statewide boards, including: Alabama Association of
26 Rehabilitation Facilities, Southern Disability Foundation,
27 Better Business Bureau, Community Free Clinic, Huntsville City

1 Transportation Advisory Board, and The Huntsville Madison
2 County Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, Bryan Dodson was presented with the 2016
4 Distinguished Service Award, the highest individual honor
5 given by the Chamber of Commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, through the years, Bryan Dodson has earned
7 immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
8 abilities, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;
9 now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Bryan Dodson is highly
12 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
13 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
14 best wishes for all future endeavors.