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By Representatives Clarke, Gaston, Wilcox, Pringle, Drummond, Jones (S), Bracy, Simpson, Brown (C) and Stringer

RFD: Rules

First Read: 08-MAR-22
COMMENDING DR. BERNARD H. EICHLÖD, II FOR 31 YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly commend Dr. Bernard H. "Bert" Eichold, II for 31 years of committed service as the Health Officer for Mobile County and as the Area Health Officer for the Public Health District of Mobile County for the State of Alabama Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, born on November 15, 1950, in Mobile, Alabama, Dr. Eichold is a retired Navy Captain and is the longest-serving Health Officer in Mobile County history; diligently serving as Health Officer from 1990 to 2022, he was responsible for safeguarding the public's health and the environment for all of Mobile County; he has academic appointments with The University of South Alabama as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medicine, where he has served as the Co-Course Director of Public Health and Epidemiology; he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Tulane University in June 1975, a Master of Public Health
Degree from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in December 1978, a Doctor of Medicine Degree from Tulane University's School of Medicine in June 1979, and a Doctor of Public Health Degree from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in August 1980; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold has served in numerous capacities over the decades, such as the Alabama Public Health Association, where he began serving in 1990 and has held the titles of Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, Chairman of the Program Committee, Vice President, President Elect, President, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee; he has also earned many honors and awards over the years, including, but not limited to, being named Flotilla Deputy of the Year by the Mobile County Sheriff's Flotilla in 2009 and 2011, receiving the Exceptional Public Achievement Medal from NASA in 2012, being named Mobilian of the Year by the Cottage Hill Civitan Club in 2012, being named to the Alabama Public Health Care Association's Hall of Fame in 2016, receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in 2018, and receiving the Laureate Award from the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold delayed his retirement for six months to continue leading MCDH through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold's hobbies include flying, sailing, scuba diving, playing tennis, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Carolyn Maxwell Delchamps, have three children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eichold has served with integrity, passion, selflessness, and dedication over the last 31 years, making him an immensely inspirational leader; loved and appreciated by many, he continues to positively impact numerous lives; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Bernard H. "Bert" Eichold, II is highly commended for dedicating 31 years of service to Mobile County, Alabama, and to the State of Alabama as a whole, and this resolution hereby serves as a tribute to him with utmost gratitude and admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued happiness and success during his retirement.