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TO: Members of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC): Executive

Committee, County Chairs, District Chairs, and Officers

FROM: Joe L. Reed, Chair

RE: ADC Endorses Figures For April Runoff

Montgomery, **AL** - Joe Reed, Chairman of the Alabama Democratic Conference, announced today following a meeting of the ADC Executive Committee, that the Alabama Democratic Conference will be supporting Shomari Figures in the April 16 Democratic party runoff.

The Executive Committee met with both candidates who appealed to the committee for its support. The candidates spoke at separate sessions to the Executive Committee, and both promised to be good to the voters of the 2nd Congressional District.

Figures is from Mobile, which is the largest county in the 2nd District, while Daniels from Huntsville, but grew up in Bullock County.

Both candidates had sought to the ADC endorsement at the convention in February, but Napoleon Bracy, a legislator in Mobile, received the ADC endorsement. The ADC rules state that if the endorsed candidates don't make the run off, as in the case of Bracy, the organization will consider different candidates in the runoff.

"I am pleased with the participation and the debate on the part of the ADC County Delegates," Reed said, "and we recognize that the big fight will be in the November General Election."

Charlie Staten, Chair of the Mobile County Democratic Conference, offered the motion for ADC to endorse Figures. Former Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee was a supporter of Anthony Daniels, but after Daniels did not receive the endorsement, Ford called for everyone to unite behind Figures.

"Our success over the years has been "Political Strength through Unity," and our people recognize that a house divided cannot stand," said Reed. "Even though we have a major challenge for the November election, if we stick together and unite, we can give the voters in the 2nd Congressional District a 2nd Black Congressman for a 2024 Christmas Present."

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