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3 By Representatives Rowe, Wadsworth, Sells and Lovvorn
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8 COMMENDING EDWIN BANKS ON RECEIVING THE WRIGHT
9 BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Edwin Banks on his outstanding
13 achievement of receiving the Wright Brothers Master Pilot
14 Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Edwin Banks earned the most prestigious
16 award the FFA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the
17 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, named after the
18 legendary Wright Brothers, for his extraordinary
19 professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise while manning
20 aircraft as a Master Pilot; and

21 WHEREAS, a widely regarded Bolso, Alabama, native,
22 Mr. Banks flew for the first time in a J3-Cub, piloted by Bill
23 Mathews, in Walker County in 1948 at age 16; and

24 WHEREAS, he served with much honor as a photographer
25 in the United States Army from 1953 until 1956; his photos
26 were published in the Army Times and The Stars and Stripes as
27 well as in newspapers across the country; and

1 WHEREAS, Edwin Banks obtained his Private Pilot
2 Rating in 1964 and his Multi-Engine Rating in 1966; over the
3 course of his distinguished career, he flew for Al Hambrick
4 911, Falcon Aviation, Koskot Interplantetary, Montgomery
5 Aviation, Upchurch Construction, Green Construction, and the
6 Drummond Company, where he retired as Chief Pilot; he has
7 flown numerous aircraft nationally and internationally, and
8 his routes have taken him from the Alaska Pipeline Project to
9 mines in Colombia, South America; and

10 WHEREAS, his specialized Aircraft Type Ratings
11 include King Air 100, King Air 200, Falcon DA 20, Lear 24,
12 Lear 25, Gulf Stream 2, and Citation 500; his love of aviation
13 incudes building and restoring aircraft; futhermore, he served
14 as the Walker County Engineering Assistant at the Walker
15 County Airport Bevill Field for eight years; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years, Edwin Banks has earned
17 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication
18 and exceptional abilities, and he is truly deserving of the
19 significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Edwin Banks is highly honored
22 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
23 highest tribute, along with deepest admiration and
24 appreciation for his immeasurable service and sincere best
25 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.