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3 By Representative Hall
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8 COMMENDING SYLVIA OAKES FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, after 40 years of remarkable and dedicated
12 service to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) as
13 an Urban Regional Extension Agent, Sylvia Oakes retired
14 January 1, 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Oakes provided educational outreach to
16 the citizens of Alabama on behalf of the two land-grant
17 universities, Alabama A&M University and Auburn University;
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19 WHEREAS, she coordinated and delivered
20 research-based educational programs designed to empower
21 individuals to improve their quality of life and economic
22 well-being, such as Diet Our Thing, Today's MOM, SPACE
23 Program, and Successful Aging Initiative; and

24 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Sylvia Oakes, the
25 federal based reading program was implemented for elementary
26 students in the Lawrence County Public School System; and

1 WHEREAS, Sylvia held the position of County Agent in
2 the Mobile County Extension office where she supervised the
3 Nutrition Education program; and

4 WHEREAS, the crowning achievement of Sylvia's career
5 was her tenure as interim Madison County Extension
6 Coordinator, she facilitated the day-to-day operations of
7 managing the staff, overseeing the budget, and meeting with
8 county commissioners and other public officials to secure
9 continued funding for county programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Sylvia was assigned to the federal program,
11 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), assisting
12 participants to become focused on a healthy diet; and

13 WHEREAS, Sylvia presented educational diabetes
14 programs on the national and international levels; and

15 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in taking the 4-H
16 youth to Washington, D.C., and to Montgomery, Alabama, to the
17 State Legislature exposing the youth to the formation of laws,
18 policies, and procedures; and

19 WHEREAS, Sylvia was the cofounder of the Urban Youth
20 Farm Day, which was designed to introduce urban youth to an
21 agricultural environment; and

22 WHEREAS, Sylvia authored several publications to be
23 used as a guide for proper etiquette for youth and adults; and

24 WHEREAS, Sylvia has numerous civic and professional
25 affiliations, including Kappa Omicron Nu, National Education
26 Association, American Association of Retired Person, Alpha

1 Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the American Diabetes Association;
2 now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are proud to commend Mrs.
5 Sylvia Oakes for her professional achievement and
6 contributions to this state, and by copy of this resolution we
7 convey our highest esteem and best wishes for her
8 well-deserved retirement.