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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Hall, Williams (P), Ball,
4 Sanderford, Whorton (R) and Daniels
5 RFD: Rules
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8 HONORING THE ARC OF MADISON COUNTY FOR EXCEPTIONAL
9 SERVICE AND ON BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF 10 PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE
10 TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL PROVIDER TRANSFORMATION NETWORK
11 PROJECT.
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13 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to honor the
14 Arc of Madison County for exceptional service and on the
15 outstanding achievement of being selected as one of 10
16 programs nationwide to participate in a National Provider
17 Transformation Network Project; and

18 WHEREAS, established in 1952, the Arc of Madison
19 County is an advocacy program for individuals with
20 intellectual and developmental disabilities that serves over
21 80 infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities
22 through its Early Intervention Program, provides school
23 transition services for over 140 youth in the Huntsville City,
24 Madison City, and Madison County Schools, operates a Project
25 Search Internship Program in coordination with the Huntsville
26 City Schools and Huntsville Hospital to equip students with
27 disabilities with job skills and job coaching and community

1 job placement, provides 365-day residential care for over 20
2 adults with disabilities, serves over 200 adults in day
3 programs that offer a multitude of services, operates a career
4 center that provides job development, job coaching, benefit
5 counseling, and career assessment for individuals with
6 disabilities; and operate several small businesses that employ
7 individuals with disabilities and provide services to over 300
8 customers including companies such as PPG, Dynetics, and Torch
9 Technologies in the Madison County Area; and

10 WHEREAS, as one of 10 programs nationwide
11 participating in a National Provider Transformation Project, a
12 project of the Institute for Community Inclusion at the
13 University of Massachusetts in Boston in conjunction with the
14 Arc of the United States, the Arc of Madison County will
15 receive technical support to advance their magnanimous efforts
16 in offering integrated employment; and

17 WHEREAS, notably, the Arc of Madison County serves
18 over 400 individuals with disabilities each year and has
19 earned numerous accolades including selection as the 2017
20 AL-APSE (Association for Persons Supporting Employment First)
21 Agency of the Year, the 2015 Alabama Developmental Disability
22 Agency of Distinction Award, the 2015 Regions National "What a
23 Difference" Campaign Award, and the 2004 Huntsville/Madison
24 County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Non-Profit of the
25 Year Award; furthermore, the Arc of Madison County has the
26 utmost distinction of being selected as one of the first pilot
27 programs for the Department of Mental Health's Office of

1 Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) grant as a result of their
2 success in employing individuals with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, through the years, the Arc of Madison
4 County has earned widespread admiration and respect for its
5 tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence in
6 advancing the needs of individuals with disabilities and is
7 truly deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon it; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Arc of Madison County is
11 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
12 in heartiest congratulations, as well as in deepest admiration
13 and appreciation for its immeasurable service and sincere best
14 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.