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3 By Representative Hubbard
4 RFD:
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8 COMMENDING RAYMOND B. JONES UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO
9 THE ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF HONOR.
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11 WHEREAS, noted with highest commendation is the
12 induction of Raymond B. Jones into the Alabama Agricultural
13 Hall of Honor in Auburn; and

14 WHEREAS, as a 2010 inductee, Mr. Jones is being
15 honored by the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni
16 Association for his significant contributions to agriculture
17 over the span of many decades; and

18 WHEREAS, he was reared on the family farm
19 established by his ancestors in 1804 in what is now Madison
20 County, Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, through his vision and hard work, Jones
22 Valley Farm has emerged to become one of the nation's largest
23 urban cattle farms; Jones Valley Farm was the first in the
24 area to transition from cotton farming to pasture grass,
25 bringing valuable fescue grass to Alabama and embarking on a
26 cattle and seed business that continues to sustain the farm;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones earned a Bachelor's Degree from
2 Auburn University in 1957 and after graduation served a tour
3 with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the National
4 Guard prior to returning to operate the family farm; he split
5 his time between farming activities from spring to fall and
6 his father's engineering firm during the winter; after his
7 father's death in 1967, he stepped in to manage the
8 engineering firm while still running the farm; under his
9 leadership both enterprises have been successful, and raising
10 cattle on the land he loves continues to be the primary
11 activity of the farm; Mr. Jones is active in the Madison
12 County Cattlemen's Association and the Alabama Cattlemen's
13 Association; and

14 WHEREAS, a devoted family man, he and his wife,
15 Libby, have three children: Lisa Jones Yokley, May Jones
16 Patterson, and Raymond B. Jones, Jr.; and seven grandchildren;
17 among his many awards and honors, Mr. Jones was selected in
18 1995 as Agricultural Environmental Steward for the Southeast
19 United States by the National Cattlemen's Association; now
20 therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That upon his induction into the
23 Alabama Agricultural Hall of Honor and in recognition of his
24 many outstanding contributions to the field of agriculture and
25 to Auburn University, this resolution is offered in highest
26 tribute and with deepest appreciation to Raymond B. Jones.