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8 RECOGNIZING THE LATE MR. ROSS DEBTER AS RECIPIENT OF
9 THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PIONEER
10 AWARD.

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12 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni
13 Association Pioneer Award honors individuals, living and
14 deceased, who have made significant contributions to the field
15 of agriculture in the State of Alabama; the late Mr. Ross
16 Debter has been honored with the Pioneer Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Debter, a native of Horton, Alabama,
18 lived his entire life within 150 miles of his birthplace;
19 known for his genuine smile and geniality, he was a natural
20 salesman and entrepreneur; and

21 WHEREAS, at age 12, Mr. Debter began buying eggs,
22 butter, and fresh vegetables from local farmers and marketing
23 them to local grocery stores; this was to be the beginning of
24 his lifelong commitment to providing customers with the
25 freshest produce possible; and

26 WHEREAS, an active and innovative poultryman
27 committed to a "quality-first" approach, Mr. Debter installed

1 the first egg cooler in north Alabama in 1954 and installed
2 his first egg grader soon thereafter; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Debter was active in the Alabama
4 Poultry & Egg Association and the National Egg Company; he
5 also served on numerous boards and committees within the
6 industry; as an advocate for Alabama producers, he was
7 instrumental in passage of legislation to ensure better eggs
8 for consumers and a fairer market for producers; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Debter passed away in 2001 at the age
10 of 89; he was preceded in death by his wife, Eva J. Debter;
11 Mr. Debter is survived his son, Glynn Debter; daughter, Ann
12 Tidwell; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren;
13 his family is justly proud of his contributions to Alabama
14 agriculture; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize the late
17 Mr. Ross Debter as the recipient of the Auburn University
18 Agriculture Alumni Association Pioneer Award and, by copy of
19 this resolution, extend our heartfelt good wishes to his
20 family.