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7 Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham, Grantland,
8 Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon, Harper, Hill,
9 Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Irons,
10 Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis,
11 Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy,
12 McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin,
13 McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne, Robinson (J),
15 Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer,
16 Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd,
17 Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams (J), Williams
18 (P), Wood and Wren
19 RFD: Rules
20 First Read: 04-FEB-10

COMMENDING MERCEDES-BENZ ON THE MILESTONE OF THE
ONE-MILLIONTH VEHICLE TO BE PRODUCED IN VANCE, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend
commendations and congratulations to Mercedes-Benz on reaching
the milestone of the one-millionth vehicle to be produced at
the plant in Vance, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the historic event occurred in September
2009, when the one-millionth M-Class SUV rolled off the
assembly line, some twelve years and six months after
production of the first vehicle at the Alabama facility; and

WHEREAS, the proud management team and dedicated
employees gathered to celebrate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Mercedes-Benz has been a welcome addition
to economic development and job creation in Alabama since
construction of the Vance plant began in 1994, marking the
beginning of the state's consequential automotive industry;
and

WHEREAS, residents of the Vance area look forward to
continuing progress in their valued partnership with

1 Mercedes-Benz under the leadership of Ola Kaellenius, the new
2 CEO named to succeed Bill Taylor, who has announced his
3 retirement; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mercedes-Benz is honored and
6 commended on reaching the milestone of the one-millionth
7 vehicle to be produced at the plant in Vance, Alabama, and
8 this resolution is offered in highest tribute to the company,
9 along with heartiest congratulations and best wishes for
10 future success.