

1 HR331  
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, McCutcheon, Ball, Taylor,  
4 Williams (P), Hinshaw and Hall  
5 RFD:  
6 First Read: 16-FEB-10

8 COMMENDING RICHARD VAN VALKENBURGH.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend commendations  
11 and congratulations to Richard Van Valkenburgh on being  
12 selected to receive the Robert Jemison Award from the Alabama  
13 Association of Realtors; and

14 WHEREAS, the Robert Jemison Award is named in honor  
15 of the first Alabamian to serve as president of the National  
16 Association of Realtors and recognizes outstanding Realtors  
17 for longtime service to the industry and to their communities;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Van Valkenburgh is president and owner  
20 of Van Valkenburgh and Wilkinson properties, which specializes  
21 in historic and fine homes in the Huntsville area; his company  
22 was among the first ten in the nation to become a charter  
23 member of the Historic Real Estate Program of the National  
24 Trust for Historic Preservation; he has been a licensed  
25 Realtor since 1985, when he joined his wife, Nancy, in the  
26 business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to building a successful real estate business, Mr. Van Valkenburgh is active in community affairs, including membership in the Kiwanis Club, the Historic Huntsville Foundation, and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce; he is also a talented musician and vocalist who performs with the acclaimed local band Reunion; and

WHEREAS, among his professional affiliations, Mr. Van Valkenburgh is secretary of the Alabama Association of Realtors, past president of the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors, and an active member of the National Association of Realtors; in 2005, he was named Realtor of the Year by the local and state associations; he is a member of the First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated community leader and preservationist, Mr. Van Valkenburgh does more than sell homes, he sells Huntsville, and through the years he has earned widespread respect for his exceptional abilities; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Richard Van Valkenburgh is  
honored and commended on being selected to receive the  
prestigious Robert Jemison Award from the Alabama Association  
of Realtors, and this resolution is offered in tribute to him  
along with heartiest congratulations and best wishes in future  
endeavors.