

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

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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

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

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

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

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