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3 By Senators Dunn, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield, Bishop,  
4 Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Erwin, Figures,  
5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,  
6 Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt,  
7 Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and  
8 Waggoner  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 23-FEB-10

8 COMMENDING THE BRIGHT STAR RESTAURANT ON RECEIVING  
9 THE 2010 JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with great pride that the Bright  
12 Star Restaurant in Bessemer will be honored with a James Beard  
13 Foundation Award in the America's Classics category; and

14 WHEREAS, the James Beard Foundation honors  
15 professionals in the food and beverage industries; winners in  
16 the America's Classics category are recognized for their  
17 timeless appeal and quality of food that reflects the  
18 community; the Bright Star will be officially honored at a  
19 ceremony in May 2010, in New York City; and

20 WHEREAS, originally founded in 1907, the Bright Star  
21 has earned a reputation for exquisite "Greek-meets-Southern"  
22 cuisine; this reputation is built on the Bright Star's  
23 insistence on using on the freshest ingredients in everything  
24 it prepares; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Bright Star has  
26 been a family-owned enterprise; it is currently under the

1 management of Jimmy Koikos and Nick Koikos; they and the  
2 Bright Star's 90-member staff, under the leadership of Chef  
3 Ross Daidone, are richly deserving of this high honor; now  
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily commend the Bright  
7 Star Restaurant on being honored with a James Beard Foundation  
8 Award in the America's Classics category and that, by copy of  
9 this resolution, we extend our best wishes for their continued  
10 success.