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3       By Representatives Bridges, Laird and Hubbard  
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8 COMMENDING MR. J. SMTIH LANIER, II, ON RECEIVING THE  
9 2010 BOY SCOUT DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend commendations  
12 and congratulations to Mr. J. Smith Lanier, II, on the  
13 occasion of receiving the 2010 George H. Lanier Boy Scout  
14 Distinguished Citizen Award; and

15 WHEREAS, he is a highly esteemed businessman and  
16 civic leader whose community contributions are numerous and  
17 far-reaching, and he will be recognized at the Distinguished  
18 Citizen Award Dinner on March 11, 2010, at the Valley  
19 Community Center; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Lanier is an alumnus of Auburn  
21 University, where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity; he  
22 graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy  
23 (USMMA), obtaining a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a  
24 commission in the United States Navy, and he served two years  
25 of active duty during the Korean War; and

26 WHEREAS, he currently holds the office of Chairman  
27 Emeritus of J. Smith Lanier & Company, which is nationally

1 recognized as one of the oldest and largest insurance  
2 brokerage firms in the United States; Mr. Lanier has assisted  
3 in launching many additional business ventures in various  
4 industries and was a founding director of five publicly  
5 trading companies; and

6 WHEREAS, a strong advocate for education at all  
7 levels, he was a founder of Springwood School in Lanett,  
8 Alabama, and has served on several boards of trustees,  
9 including the USMMA, LaGrange College, Oglethorpe University,  
10 and Atlanta Christian College; and

11 WHEREAS, he has been a generous supporter and has  
12 served Auburn University in many capacities, including being  
13 the first Dean's Advisory Board Chair of the College of Human  
14 Sciences; he also served on the Auburn University Foundation  
15 Board; in December 2000, the university honored Mr. Lanier  
16 with the International Quality of Life Award at the United  
17 Nations; a devoted family man, he and his wife, Elizabeth  
18 "Betty" Walker Lanier, have three daughters who are Auburn  
19 University alumnae and eight grandchildren, one of whom is  
20 currently a student at Auburn; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Lanier has been  
22 active in the political arena, having served as a county  
23 chairman and on the state executive committee of the Alabama  
24 Republican Party; he was a presidential elector from Alabama  
25 in 1964 and a delegate to two Republican National Conventions;  
26 and

1               WHEREAS, among his many community contributions, Mr.  
2     Lanier was a leader of a campaign to raise \$9.6 million to  
3     build a state-of-the-art Center for Therapeutic Recreation at  
4     Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation; Mr.  
5     Lanier has been recognized with many awards including National  
6     Small Business Person of the Year; the USMMA selected him as  
7     Alumnus of the Year in 1998, and he was inducted as the 28th  
8     member of the Distinguished Hall of Graduates in October 2009;  
9     now therefore,

10              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11     THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his many  
12     achievements and dedicated service to his fellowman, Mr. J.  
13     Smith Lanier, II, is honored and commended, and this  
14     resolution is offered in highest tribute to him on the  
15     occasion of his selection to receive the 2010 George H. Lanier  
16     Boy Scout Distinguished Citizen Award.