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3 By Representative Thomas (E)
4 RFD:
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COMMENDING W.M. MURPHREE AS AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

WHEREAS, we note with great appreciation the many
achievements of Mr. W.M. "Ike" Murphree of Ashville; and

WHEREAS, born on August 21, 1918, in Greasy Cove,
St. Clair County; Mr. Murphree was reared in St. Clair and
Blount Counties, attending school in St. Clair County; and

WHEREAS, drafted into the United States Army in
1943, Mr. Murphree served with distinction at home and abroad;
as a member of the Escort Guard, he was responsible for the
repatriation of American-held German prisoners of war; Mr.
Murphree was eventually selected to serve as a bodyguard to
General Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from the Army in 1946,
Mr. Murphree took up professional farming; he has tended his
105-acre farm in Cool Springs continuously since 1948; Mr.
Murphree is renowned throughout the region as a master
gardener with a particular talent for growing outstanding
watermelons and peas, among numerous other crops; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphree was married to the late Alice
2 Lucile Wyatt Murphree; the union produced one son, W.M. "Bill"
3 Murphree, Jr., and three daughters, Elizabeth, Linda, and
4 Alice; he and his family are justly proud of his exemplary
5 service to our nation and to the people of Alabama; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize Mr. W.M.
9 "Ike" Murphree as an outstanding citizen of St. Clair County
10 and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our highest
11 gratitude and esteem to him and his family.