

1 HJR611
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3 By Representative Gipson
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 11-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BENJAMIN RUSSELL
4 WOOD.

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6 WHEREAS, we note with great appreciation the many
7 accomplishments of Mr. Benjamin Russell Wood of Autaugaville;
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9 WHEREAS, born December 31, 1924, to Charles Francis
10 and Elizabeth Jones Wood, Mr. Wood graduated from Hicks
11 Memorial School in 1943; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was drafted into the United States
13 Army shortly after his graduation, completing his training in
14 Combat Engineers; he served in the European Theater of World
15 War II, with a unit that built pontoon and other bridges; and

16 WHEREAS, returning home from his honorable service
17 in 1946, Mr. Wood earned his B.S. degree in Agriculture
18 Science from Auburn University in 1950 and went on to teach
19 the art of agriculture to returning veterans; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood returned to his family farm, which
21 eventually grew to over 800 acres; Wood Farms, which has been
22 farmed continuously by Mr. Woods' family for over 130 years,
23 was named an Alabama Century and Heritage Farm in 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood and his wife, Catherine Wilkerson
25 Wood, have three children, Catherine L. Wood (Charles) Cowart,

1 MD, Elizabeth Rebecca (Carroll) Hopkins, and Rusty Wood; and
2 seven grandchildren, Chris Cowart, Catherine Cowart, Celia
3 Cowart, Rebecca Hopkins, Laura Hopkins, Ben Hopkins, and David
4 Hopkins; Mr. Rusty Wood is the current proprietor of Wood
5 Farms; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood is widely renowned as a leader in
7 the agriculture community; he has been honored by numerous
8 organizations for his outstanding contributions to his field;
9 now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the many
12 accomplishments of Mr. Benjamin Russell Wood of Autaugaville
13 and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our heartfelt
14 gratitude for his service to the State of Alabama and to our
15 nation.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 23-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

23-MAR-10

Adopted