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3 By Representatives Merrill, England, Harper and Poole  
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8 COMMENDING WAYNE FORD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Wayne  
11 Ford is recognized for his distinguished service to  
12 agriculture and natural resources in the State of Alabama over  
13 a period of more than three decades; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford has announced his retirement from  
15 his position as the coordinator of the Tuscaloosa County  
16 Cooperative Extension System, where he has enthusiastically  
17 provided advice and answers to farmers, landowners, livestock  
18 owners, and gardeners since 1981; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition, he has volunteered his time  
20 and expertise to numerous community organizations including  
21 the Tuscaloosa Jaycees and their West Alabama State Fair, the  
22 Tuscaloosa Kiwanis Club, the Alabama Wildlife Federation, and  
23 the Alabama Forestry Association, as well as devoting  
24 thousands of hours to coaching 4-H teams and facilitating  
25 activities for 4-H Clubs; and

1               WHEREAS, his educational credentials include a  
2 forestry degree from Auburn University and a master's degree  
3 from Mississippi State University; and

4               WHEREAS, he is married to Lisa Ford, a teacher in  
5 the Tuscaloosa County School System, and they have two  
6 children, Forrest and Hunter; and

7               WHEREAS, Mr. Ford is well-known for the success of  
8 his Natural Resources Club judging teams, which have won eight  
9 4-H forestry national championships and five wildlife national  
10 championships; and

11              WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,  
12 Mr. Ford has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and  
13 unwavering commitment to his profession and the community; his  
14 experience and depth of knowledge are considered  
15 irreplaceable, and he will be greatly missed by colleagues and  
16 friends; now therefore,

17              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his  
19 retirement and in recognition of his many outstanding  
20 achievements and dedicated service with the Tuscaloosa County  
21 Cooperative Extension System, highest commendation is herein  
22 extended to Wayne Ford, for whom a copy of this resolution is  
23 provided as a token of sincere appreciation and best wishes.