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3 By Representatives Beech, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn,  
4 Beckman, Black, Boman, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy, Bridges, Brown,  
5 Burdine, Buskey, Buttram, Canfield, Chesteen, Clouse, Coleman,  
6 Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, England, Farley,  
7 Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Galliher, Gaston, Givan, Greer,  
8 Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes,  
9 Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison, Jackson,  
10 Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Kennedy, Knight,  
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,  
15 Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,  
16 Sanderford, Scott, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,  
17 Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J),  
18 Williams (P), Wood and Wren

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20 First Read: 19-APR-11

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8 COMMENDING MICHAEL ONDERDONK ON RECEIVING THE 2011  
9 HUMANITARIAN AWARD OF THE ALABAMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
12 herein extended to Michael Onderdonk in recognition of being  
13 selected to receive the 2011 Humanitarian Award of the Alabama  
14 Library Association; and

15 WHEREAS, the award recognizes Mr. Onderdonk's  
16 commitment to the growth and success of the Washington County  
17 Public Library and his broader efforts to improve the quality  
18 of life of many Alabamians through literacy and education; and

19 WHEREAS, an esteemed attorney and community leader,  
20 Mr. Onderdonk is a 1967 graduate of The University of Alabama  
21 School of Law; he has served on the Washington County Public  
22 Library (WCPL) Board of Directors and Foundation Board for 23  
23 years and is one of the original founders of Friends of the  
24 WCPL, which hosts an Annual Art Auction that has generated  
25 more than \$450,000 for the library; and

26 WHEREAS, he is well-known as a champion of  
27 libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning and helped to

1 secure funds for the county's impressive library building two  
2 decades ago; he has also worked diligently through the years  
3 to write grants to improve library outreach services through  
4 the Bookmobile and various reading programs in rural areas;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a former member of the Alabama House of  
7 Representatives representing District 65, he held library  
8 services as a high priority and was highly regarded for his  
9 effectiveness and dedication; and

10 WHEREAS, among his awards and recognitions, he is a  
11 past recipient of the Pillar of the Community Award and  
12 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Town of Chatom, the Town  
13 of Millry, Washington County Board of Education, Washington  
14 County Department of Human Resources, and Washington County  
15 Human Resources; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Onderdonk is a general bibliophile who  
17 has enthusiastically supported the works of many local authors  
18 and other southern writers; his unwavering commitment to  
19 educational efforts, charitable organizations, and civic  
20 groups has been an inspiration to many, and he is truly  
21 deserving of this significant honor; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Michael Onderdonk is honored  
24 and commended and, by copy of this resolution, we convey our  
25 heartiest congratulations on being selected to receive the  
26 2011 Humanitarian Award of the Alabama Library Association,  
27 along with best wishes in all future endeavors.

