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3 By Senators Keahen and Bedford
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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;
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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.

