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3 By Senators Keahey and Bedford
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4 ENROLLED, SJR107,

5 COMMENDING MICHAEL ONDERDONK ON RECEIVING THE 2011
6 HUMANITARIAN AWARD OF THE ALABAMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, he is well-known as a champion of
24 libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning and helped to
25 secure funds for the county's impressive library building two

1 decades ago; he has also worked diligently through the years
2 to write grants to improve library outreach services through
3 the Bookmobile and various reading programs in rural areas;
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5 WHEREAS, a former member of the Alabama House of
6 Representatives representing District 65, he held library
7 services as a high priority and was highly regarded for his
8 effectiveness and dedication; and

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

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Michael Onderdonk is honored
23 and commended and, by copy of this resolution, we convey our
24 heartiest congratulations on being selected to receive the

1 2011 Humanitarian Award of the Alabama Library Association,
2 along with best wishes in all future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Keahey