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3       By Representative Boyd  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 04-MAY-11

8 COMMENDING MRS. HATTYE PETERS AS RECIPIENT OF THE G.  
9 E. SMITHERMAN SERVICE AWARD.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with sincere pride and pleasure that  
12 we recognize Mrs. Hattye Peters, the recipient of the 2011 G.  
13 E. Smitherman Service Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peters was born the oldest of seven  
15 children to the late Robert and Roberta Williams Ager; her  
16 family emphasized the importance of obtaining a quality  
17 education and in 1951, Mrs. Peters graduated cum laude from  
18 Alabama A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in  
19 English and Social Studies; she later received a Master of  
20 Education degree in English from Tuskegee University; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peters married the late Lonnie L.  
22 Peters and in 1973, gave birth to their son, Phillip Lee  
23 Anthony Peters, who graduated from Auburn University; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peters' teaching career covered 58  
25 years, from 1951 until she retired in 2009; during those years  
26 she taught elementary and junior high school, served as a  
27 librarian, and taught adult education classes; and

1               WHEREAS, as a lifelong member of First Missionary  
2 Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama, she taught Sunday School,  
3 sang in the choir, and served on various committees and  
4 groups; since moving to Anniston, she has been an active  
5 member of the Smith Metropolitan AME Zion Church serving as  
6 Sunday School Superintendent, Steward, and Treasurer; and

7               WHEREAS, in addition to her contributions to  
8 education and her church, Mrs. Peters is a life member of  
9 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; in recognition of her  
10 service and contributions, she has received numerous awards  
11 including the Heroine NAACP Award, the AKA Hall of Fame Award,  
12 Mrs. Senior Calhoun County, and Mrs. Senior Citizen Award for  
13 Talent; and

14              WHEREAS, indeed, Mrs. Peters has made outstanding  
15 contributions to the children of Alabama through her career as  
16 an educator and librarian; she has also made significant  
17 service contributions to her church and her community; and she  
18 is entirely deserving of this prestigious award; now  
19 therefore,

20              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is with highest  
22 commendation that tribute is paid to Mrs. Hattye Peters, as  
23 the recipient of the 2011 G. E. Smitherman Service Award, and  
24 this resolution is offered in highest tribute to her along  
25 with best wishes in all future endeavors.