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3 By Representative Boyd
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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

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

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

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

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