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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING PATRICK MORRIS AND THE UA GREEK RELIEF
9 FUND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INSPIRATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF
10 OUR COMMUNITY AND STATE FOLLOWING THE APRIL 27, 2011,
11 TORNADOES.

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13 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
14 recognize the contributions and service of Patrick Morris and
15 the UA Greek Relief Fund to our community and state; and

16 WHEREAS, the storms and tornadoes that ravaged our
17 state on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, caused unprecedented
18 levels of destruction to property as well as the loss of the
19 lives of many Alabamians; and

20 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mountain Brook High School
21 and a Delta Kappa Epsilon "DKE" officer and business major at
22 the University of Alabama, Patrick Morris, with the assistance
23 of other DKE members, organized a food drive for survivors and
24 volunteers on the night of the storms; and

25 WHEREAS, DKE members began preparing food in their
26 kitchen and reached out to the public via social networks, and
27 by the night of April 28, 2011, the DKE members served and

1 delivered over 1,500 meals to survivors of the storm and
2 rescue workers; and

3 WHEREAS, through social media, all fraternity and
4 sorority members were contacted to assist with the relief
5 efforts, and the UA Greek Relief Fund was established and
6 organized with Facebook and Twitter pages; and

7 WHEREAS, by April 29, 2011, the operation was
8 organized into a communication center, a donation supply
9 drop-off, a food pantry, an on-site food service location, and
10 a delivery service to survivors and volunteers throughout
11 Tuscaloosa County; and

12 WHEREAS, with the assistance of friends, strangers,
13 and the entire Greek community, the UA Greek Relief Fund
14 filled requests for food from the National Guard, the Red
15 Cross, relief center day cares, and even veterinary practices
16 all who had been tirelessly working around the clock, with
17 thousands of pounds of food, clothing, tents, hygiene
18 supplies, and other goods provided to those in need; and

19 WHEREAS, in one day, the UA Greek Relief Fund
20 delivered over 8,000 meals, and by the conclusion of the
21 second week following the disaster, more than 52,000 hot meals
22 were delivered, which was one-third of the total relief meals
23 provided in the Tuscaloosa area; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to these significant
25 contributions to the community during this difficult time, Mr.
26 Morris and the UA Greek Relief Fund have instilled in adults
27 and children alike a generous spirit of volunteerism and

1 service, an invaluable gift and legacy which will provide a
2 positive and lasting influence on our community; now
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend
6 Patrick Morris and the UA Greek Relief Fund for their
7 extensive community service and inspiration to the Tuscaloosa
8 community and the entire state, and by copy of this resolution
9 we extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes for future
10 success.