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4 RFD:

5 First Read: 25-MAY-11

8 COMMENDING ROBERT REED FOR HEROIC TORNADO RESCUE  
9 ASSISTANCE IN HOLT, ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and appreciation is  
12 extended to Robert Reed of Holt, Alabama, for his heroic  
13 rescue efforts in the aftermath of a tornado that leveled  
14 Crescent Mobile Home Estates; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed, park manager at Crescent Mobile  
16 Home Estates, had been a starting quarterback at Aliceville  
17 High School in the early 1990's; he then served seven years in  
18 a Mississippi prison for dealing and possessing illegal drugs;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed, determined to be a good father  
21 and supporter after his prison time, worked on landscaping  
22 jobs with Jeff Stewart, whose family owns the mobile home  
23 park; Mr. Stewart named Mr. Reed as park manager and witnessed  
24 Mr. Reed's handiness and work ethic in his duties and life at  
25 the park; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed continued to work out after  
27 football and his strength was put to test following a monster

1 EF-4 tornado that leveled the trailer park on April 27, 2011;

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3                   WHEREAS, after the tornado, Mr. Reed saw his fiancee  
4 lying on the ground with their air conditioner unit on top of  
5 her; Mr. Reed threw off the unit, and assured of her safety  
6 and that of their children, with no regard for himself, began  
7 the task of lifting appliances, brick walls, and other heavy  
8 rubble off at least 12 other victims pulling them to safety;

9 and

10                  WHEREAS, although starting over is not new to Mr.  
11 Reed, he now faces his own recovery without a home and the  
12 equipment he used to make a living; like hundreds of victims,  
13 Mr. Reed awaits FEMA help with medical bills and assistance to  
14 start over with the thankfulness that his family is still  
15 alive; now therefore,

16                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest commendations and  
18 appreciation are herein extended to Robert Reed for his heroic  
19 rescue efforts in the aftermath of the historic tornadoes that  
20 destroyed homes and lives in Alabama on April 27, 2011; and it  
21 is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr.  
22 Reed with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.