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3 By Representatives Poole, Harper, Merrill, England, Baughn and
4 McC Campbell
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 26-MAY-11

8 COMMENDING THE UA GREEK RELIEF EFFORTS FOR COMMUNITY
9 SERVICE AND INSPIRATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND
10 STATE FOLLOWING THE APRIL 27, 2011, TORNADOES.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
13 recognize the contributions and service of the UA Greek Relief
14 efforts to our community and state; and

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

19 WHEREAS, members of the Greek Community of the
20 University of Alabama organized a food drive for survivors and
21 volunteers on the night of the storms, and by the night of
22 April 28, 2011, the Greek Community served and delivered over
23 1,500 meals to survivors of the storm and rescue workers; and

24 WHEREAS, through social media, all fraternity and
25 sorority members were contacted to assist with the relief
26 efforts, and the UA Greek Relief Fund was established and
27 organized with Facebook and Twitter pages; and

1 WHEREAS, by April 29, 2011, the operation was
2 organized into a communication center, a donation supply
3 drop-off, a food pantry, an on-site food service location, and
4 a delivery service to survivors and volunteers throughout
5 Tuscaloosa County; and

6 WHEREAS, with the assistance of friends, strangers,
7 and the entire Greek community, the UA Greek Relief efforts
8 raised well over \$100,000, while filling requests for food
9 from the National Guard, the Red Cross, relief center day
10 cares, and even veterinary practices all who had been
11 tirelessly working around the clock, with thousands of pounds
12 of food, clothing, tents, hygiene supplies, and other goods
13 provided to those in need; and

14 WHEREAS, in one day, the UA Greek Relief delivered
15 over 8,000 meals, and by the conclusion of the second week
16 following the disaster, more than 52,000 hot meals were
17 delivered; and

18 WHEREAS, the executive committee that created and
19 administered UA Greek Relief operations included: James
20 Fowler, Patrick Morris, Meg McCrummen, Ashley Getwan, Vincent
21 Nelson, Jeff Hamilton, Mallory Meissner, Jake Gray, Tom Gray,
22 Jonathan Brayman, Catherine Carter Sims, Dakota Peterson,
23 Peyton Falkenburg, Cameron Hood, Lindsey Drexler, Harris
24 Williams, Nick Lambert, Ginger Lum, Jamie Johnson, Burne
25 Terry, and Megan Hayes; and

26 WHEREAS, the UA Greek Relief Board of Trustees
27 include the following: James Fowler, Co-Chairman, Patrick

1 Morris, Co-Chairman, Jesse Vogtle, Angus Cooper, III, John
2 Murdock, Black Chaffe, IV, Cynthia Lee Almond, Gentry
3 McCreary, Mike McWhirter, Meg McCrummen, Ashley Getwan, Alex
4 Fleming, and Cameron Hood; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to these significant
6 contributions to the community during this difficult time, UA
7 Greek Relief efforts have instilled in adults and children
8 alike a generous spirit of volunteerism and service, an
9 invaluable gift and legacy which will provide a positive and
10 lasting influence on our community; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most highly commend
13 the UA Greek Relief operations for its extensive community
14 service and inspiration to the Tuscaloosa community and the
15 entire state, and by copy of this resolution we extend our
16 sincere gratitude and best wishes for future success.