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3 By Senator Brooks
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8 COMMENDING GEORGE R. COPELAND, SR., ON BEING NAMED
9 2011 MOBILIAN OF THE YEAR.
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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein extended to George R. "Reggie" Copeland, Sr., in
13 recognition of the outstanding achievement of being named 2011
14 Mobilian of the Year by the Cottage Hill Civitan Club; and

15 WHEREAS, as the region's most prestigious civic
16 honor, the Mobilian of the Year Award has been presented
17 annually since 1948 to an individual whose positive impact on
18 the community is extraordinary; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Copeland is the president of the Mobile
20 City Council, where he has served effectively since 1985, and
21 has been a longtime leader in many civic organizations and
22 worthy causes; among the highlights of his community service,
23 he was president of the Mobile Jaycees and led the creation of
24 America's Junior Miss program, which is now known as the
25 Distinguished Young Women of America; and

26 WHEREAS, a graduate of Murphy High School, he
27 attended both Spring Hill College and the University of

1 Alabama-Mobile Center, served his country with honor and
2 distinction during the Korean War, and returned to his beloved
3 hometown and began his active civic involvement along with a
4 career in public relations and advertising through The
5 Copeland Agency; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Copeland's contributions to economic
7 development were focused during multiple terms on the Mobile
8 Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and membership on
9 the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission; he has also
10 enhanced the quality of life through the fine arts and
11 cultural involvement, including key roles in the projects of
12 the Riverfront Park, Omnimax, the Convention Center, and
13 several museums and libraries; and

14 WHEREAS, his accomplishments for the Mobile area
15 have often been in the realm of athletics; Mr. Copeland was a
16 longtime, nationally recognized collegiate basketball
17 official, including 25 years as a member of the SEC Basketball
18 Officiating Staff and 12 years in the NCAA Tournament; and

19 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he has four
20 sons and one daughter and is a charter member of St. Pius X
21 Catholic Church, serving in many capacities; his philanthropic
22 and charitable activities have included: president,
23 Tuberculosis Health Association of Mobile County; chair, Red
24 Cross Blood Drive; chair of United Way Commercial Division;
25 chair of Little Sisters of the Poor Golf Tournament; member,
26 Mobile Optimist Club; member, Mobile Kiwanis Club; and
27 dedicated service to the Greater Mobile Area Boy Scouts, who

1 honored him with the prestigious Golden Eagle Award in 2011;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Copeland has been a tireless spokesman
4 and advocate for the City of Mobile all his adult life; he has
5 been a leader in bringing both tourism and industry to the
6 area, and has made innumerable far-reaching contributions to
7 sports and in many additional civic, economic, cultural, and
8 humanitarian fields; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That George R. Copeland, Sr., is
11 most highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
12 offered in admiration and appreciation to him, along with
13 heartiest congratulations on being named 2011 Mobilian of the
14 Year and with best wishes for continuing success and happiness
15 far into the future.