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3 By Senator Brooks
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4 ENROLLED, SJR39,

5 COMMENDING GEORGE R. COPELAND, SR., ON BEING NAMED
6 2011 MOBILIAN OF THE YEAR.

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8 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
9 herein extended to George R. "Reggie" Copeland, Sr., in
10 recognition of the outstanding achievement of being named 2011
11 Mobilian of the Year by the Cottage Hill Civitan Club; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, a graduate of Murphy High School, he
24 attended both Spring Hill College and The University of
25 Alabama-Mobile Center, served his country with honor and

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

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

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

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

1 dedicated service to the Greater Mobile Area Boy Scouts, who
2 honored him with the prestigious Golden Eagle Award in 2011;
3 and

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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9 I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
10 originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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