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8 COMMENDING THE STUDY CLUB OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA, ON  
9 ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that The Study Club  
12 of Andalusia, Alabama, is commended and congratulated on its  
13 Centennial Celebration; and

14 WHEREAS, The Study Club was organized in 1913 and  
15 federated in 1914, under the leadership of a group of  
16 visionary founders: Miss Ethel Darling (Mrs. D.D. Chapman),  
17 Mrs. A.L. Gresham, Miss John Glen (Mrs. J.L. Mixon), Miss  
18 Martha Riley (Mrs. Warren Hunter), and Mrs. C.N. Wharton; and

19 WHEREAS, the founders of The Study Club were  
20 committed to the goal of establishing a public library to  
21 provide access to books for residents of the community; and

22 WHEREAS, an early milestone for The Study Club was a  
23 Christmas tea and book shower, with guests donating 15 books  
24 and funds totaling \$5.50, thereby creating the embryo of the  
25 library; and

26 WHEREAS, after World War I, the club acquired 100  
27 books from Soldiers' Libraries to place in the Milligan

1 Building, and the Covington County Free Library in the Masonic  
2 Hall was opened in 1920 with 200 books; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1934, after club members campaigned for  
4 construction of a library building, the City of Andalusia  
5 donated a site and the new home of the Covington County Free  
6 Library opened to the public in March 1939; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1963, when the Andalusia Post Office was  
8 being relocated to a new building, a movement began to secure  
9 the old post office for the public library; members of the  
10 Study Club began a letter-writing campaign to influential  
11 public officials and, after two years, the property was  
12 transferred to the city; and

13 WHEREAS, Study Club members spearheaded the raising  
14 of funds and the completion of renovations, and the new  
15 Andalusia Public Library opened on April 26, 1967, with 15,000  
16 volumes of books; an additional milestone was observed in  
17 February 1975 with the completion of a new Assembly/Learning  
18 Center that doubled the size of the main library; and

19 WHEREAS, through the years, The Study Club has been  
20 a vital force of literacy and learning in the Andalusia area,  
21 and its members, past and present, are indeed deserving of  
22 special recognition for their contributions; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That The Study Club of Andalusia  
25 is hereby most highly honored and commended, and it is  
26 directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to the  
27 club for appropriate display, with heartiest congratulations

1       on the Centennial Celebration and best wishes for continuing  
2       success far into the future.