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4 ENROLLED, SJR123,

5 HONORING GERALDINE GRIMES BOOTHE AS WINNER OF THE  
6 2013 SPIRIT OF OPPORTUNITY AWARD.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that  
9 Geraldine Grimes Boothe is recognized as winner of the 2013  
10 Spirit of Opportunity Award of the Opp and Covington County  
11 Chamber of Commerce; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to her many accomplishments,  
13 Mrs. Boothe is a beloved member of the extended family of the  
14 Alabama Legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, born and reared in the Rose Hill Community,  
16 she is the daughter of W.G. Grimes and B. Jackson; she earned  
17 a Degree in Education from Troy University and embarked upon  
18 an exemplary career as a dedicated teacher in the Covington  
19 County School System for more than 40 years, earning a number  
20 of awards including Teacher of the Year in 1987, and impacting  
21 the lives of countless students who were fortunate to come  
22 under her expert and caring tutelage; and

23 WHEREAS, among her contributions to education, she  
24 served on the State Curriculum Committee to rewrite the State  
25 Course of Study; and

1           WHEREAS, after retiring from teaching, Mrs. Boothe  
2 maintained her civic and professional involvement with  
3 leadership in numerous clubs and organizations; she is a  
4 member of Three Arts Club, Covington County Education Retirees  
5 Association, Opp Cultural Arts Council, Alabama Education  
6 Association, National Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma  
7 International, Opp Chamber of Commerce, and former member of  
8 the Downtown Redevelopment Authority; and

9           WHEREAS, in her spare time, she enjoys quilting and  
10 participating in a china painting class, creating original  
11 keepsakes; she is also greatly admired for her gardening  
12 skills, and her beautiful flowers are well-known and  
13 appreciated throughout the Opp area; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Boothe is a devout member of the First  
15 Baptist Church in Opp, where she teaches a Sunday School Class  
16 and helps with Vacation Bible School, and she also volunteers  
17 her time to Mizell Memorial Hospital as a member of the  
18 Auxiliary Committee; and

19           WHEREAS, the widow of J.C. Boothe, she has two sons,  
20 Representative Alan C. (Anne) Boothe and Gene (Peb) Boothe;  
21 five grandchildren, Jason Boothe, Kevin Boothe, April Boothe  
22 Walden, Shana Boothe Johnson, and Mellisa Boothe Hyche; and  
23 nine great-grandchildren; and

24           WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. Boothe has earned  
25 respect for her exceptional abilities and far-reaching

1        contributions to education and the community, and she is truly  
2        deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon her; now  
3        therefore,

4                BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5        HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Geraldine Grimes Boothe is  
6        most highly commended, and it is directed that a copy of this  
7        resolution of tribute be provided to her with heartiest  
8        congratulations on winning the 2013 Spirit of Opportunity  
9        Award and best wishes in future endeavors.

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

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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