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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 HONORING LEROY MCABEE, SR., AS A 2014 INDUCTEE INTO
9 THE ALABAMA GENERAL CONTRACTING HALL OF FAME.
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Leroy
12 McAbee, Sr., of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is recognized as a 2014
13 inductee into the Alabama General Contracting Hall of Fame;
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15 WHEREAS, Mr. McAbee earned a mechanical engineering
16 degree from The University of Alabama and in 1962, he founded
17 McAbee Construction in Tuscaloosa, which became one of the
18 largest heavy industrial contractors in the southeast;
19 McAbee's Fabrication Division was formed as a small shop to
20 service the construction division and has grown into one of
21 the largest fabrication shops in the southeast; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. McAbee is certified by the American
23 Society of Mechanical Engineers and The National Board of
24 Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors and he has been
25 recognized with numerous honors over the years by various
26 entities in the profession and community; and

1 WHEREAS, as a leader in the construction industry,
2 Mr. McAbee has worked to obtain better training programs,
3 better employee benefits, improved quality of workmanship, and
4 to initiate other programs that promote a good union and
5 management relationship; he helped organize and served as
6 president of the Tuscaloosa Joint Apprentice Committee of
7 Plumbers and Steamfitters; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. McAbee is civic minded and his
9 contributions have been directed towards the betterment of the
10 community; he has served in many capacities in the community
11 and is currently serving in the President's Cabinet, The
12 University of Alabama, and as National Council Representative,
13 Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America; he was
14 recognized as 1981 Volunteer of the Year by the Park and
15 Recreation Authority, honored with the 1984 Patron of the Arts
16 award by the Tuscaloosa Arts Council, and as Citizen of the
17 Year in Tuscaloosa in 1986; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1992, the new headquarters of the Black
19 Warrior Council were named the Leroy McAbee Scout Service
20 Center in his honor; and in 1998, the new recreation center
21 located at the Veteran's Hospital was named the Leroy McAbee,
22 Sr., Activity Center in his honor; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. McAbee has earned respect for his
24 exceptional abilities and tireless dedication; he is truly
25 deserving of the most recent honor bestowed upon him; now
26 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Leroy McAbee, Sr., is hereby
3 most highly commended, and this resolution is offered with
4 heartiest congratulations on being selected as a 2014 inductee
5 into the Alabama General Contracting Hall of Fame and with
6 best wishes for continuing success far into the future.