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3 By Representative Holmes (M)
4 RFD: Rules
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8 CONGRATULATING JOE AND PATTY LAMBRECHT AS RECIPIENTS
9 OF THE 2015 SMALL FARMERS OF THE YEAR AWARD.
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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Natural Resources Conservation
12 Service has named Joe and Patty Lambrecht as the 2015 Small
13 Farmers of the Year, the award was presented at the Federation
14 of Southern Cooperatives 47th Annual Meeting in Epes, Alabama;
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16 WHEREAS, Joe and Patty Lambrecht opened Oakview
17 Farms in Wetumpka, Alabama, in 1998 as a part-time stone burr
18 gristmill; in 2004, they began working full time at the farm;
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20 WHEREAS, the top-selling products of Oakview Farms
21 are stone-ground cornmeal and grits; also popular sellers are
22 the hydroponic lettuce, persimmons, strawberries, blueberries,
23 and seasonal vegetables; and

24 WHEREAS, the Lambrechts also have honeybees, goats,
25 and chickens and they sell products at the farm's general
26 store, farmers' markets and local businesses; grits and

1 produce from Oakview Farms can be found on menus at high-end
2 restaurants throughout Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, the Lambrechts were among four finalists in
4 the 2013 Alabama Farm of Distinction contest; Joe serves on
5 the Alabama Farmers Federation State Bee and Honey Committee;
6 they are active in their community, sponsoring activities for
7 4-H clubs, initiating fundraisers, mentoring other producers,
8 and hosting more than 175 groups for farm tours annually; and

9 WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama are justly proud of
10 the Lambrechts and Oakview Farms for the manner in which they
11 nurture and preserve the land while producing much-needed
12 fresh local foods; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Joe and Patty Lambrecht are
15 honored and commended for having been named the Alabama
16 Natural Resources Conservation Service 2015 Small Farmers of
17 the Year, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
18 shall be presented to them in deepest admiration and
19 appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for the future.