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3 By Representative Gaston  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING DR. SAMUEL J. STRADA, 2015 GODADDY BOWL  
9 CHAMPION OF LIFE AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Strada, Dean of the University  
12 of South Alabama College of Medicine, has made significant  
13 contributions to medical education throughout the State of  
14 Alabama and our nation and was recently honored as a 2015  
15 recipient of the GoDaddy Bowl Champion of Life Award; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Strada joined the University of South  
17 Alabama (USA) as Professor and Chair of Pharmacology in 1983,  
18 and the following year was named Senior Associate Dean for the  
19 USA College of Medicine; and

20 WHEREAS, during the past 33 years, Dr. Strada has  
21 served the USA College of Medicine in numerous other  
22 appointments, including Acting Director of the Graduate  
23 Program in Basic Medical Sciences, Assistant Dean for  
24 Admission, and Acting Chair of Psychiatry; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to his leadership at the  
26 medical school, Dr. Strada was instrumental in the creation of  
27 the USA Office of Technology Development, the USA Office of

1 Research Compliance and Assurance, and the USA Technology and  
2 Research Park, and Dr. Strada has served the USA on numerous  
3 committees, including Chair of the Athletic Council and as  
4 Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA and SunBelt  
5 Conference from 1990-1997; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, Dr.  
7 Strada is known today as a successful dean, a leader in  
8 academic medicine, a professor, researcher, keynote speaker,  
9 and active community member; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Strada has attained great success by  
11 demonstrating his dedication and hard work which made him  
12 deserving of the Champion of Life Award through his commitment  
13 to excellence in his academic career and his civic duties in  
14 our community, state, and nation; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we acknowledge the selection  
17 of Dr. Samuel J. Strada as a 2015 recipient of the GoDaddy  
18 Bowl Champion of Life Award and by copy of this resolution,  
19 bestows hearty congratulations to Dr. Strada for this worthy  
20 honor.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
22 resolution be sent to USA President Tony Waldrop and USA Board  
23 of Trustees Chair Pro Tempore Dr. Steven Furr.