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3       By Representative Forte  
4       RFD:  
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8 RECOGNIZING RUSSELL AND JEWEL BEAN ON RECEIVING THE  
9 NATIONAL LLOYD WRIGHT FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2016.  
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
12 are herein presented to Russell and Jewel Bean of Eufaula,  
13 Alabama, for outstanding achievement on having been presented  
14 with the National Lloyd Wright Small Farmer of the Year Award  
15 for 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Organization of Professional  
17 Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees honored  
18 the Beans at its annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on  
19 December 10, 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, Russell and Jewel Bean have made their  
21 family operation, S and B Farm, a mainstay in their east  
22 Alabama community since 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, on their 88-acre property the Beans manage  
24 livestock on 20 acres and plasticulture and hoop houses on  
25 additional land;

26 WHEREAS, in addition to their main enterprise of  
27 raising goats and growing vegetables like collards, turnips,

1     kale and broccoli, the Beans raise pigs, chickens, cows, ducks  
2     and rabbits; they also grow peppers, melons, strawberries and  
3     pineapples; and

4             WHEREAS, Russell and Jewel Bean have participated  
5     workshops, leadership institutes, and built relationships with  
6     their local RC and D Council, land grant universities such as  
7     Tuskegee University, Alabama A and M University and Auburn  
8     University; and

9             WHEREAS, through their relationship with the Natural  
10    Resources Conservation Service, Russell and Jewel Bean have  
11    been able to combine their knowledge and conservation  
12    assistance to make several improvements on their farm; and

13            WHEREAS, Russell and Jewel Bean have used the  
14    Environmental Quality Incentives Program to address water  
15    quality, water quantity, soil erosion and soil health; and

16            WHEREAS, Russell and Jewel Bean have made it their  
17    mission to help other small and beginning farmers by hosting  
18    training seminars and workshops on their farm, and have been  
19    instrumental advocates for conservation programs; and

20            WHEREAS, Russell and Jewel Bean were recently  
21    selected and recognized as the Alabama 2017 Small Farmers of  
22    the Year in Alabama; now therefore,

23            BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
24    THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Russell and Jewel Bean are  
25    highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered  
26    to them in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with  
27    sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.

