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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.

