

1 HR215  
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3 By Representative Harbison  
4 RFD:  
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8 HONORING THERMON LEE CARDEN FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED  
9 SERVICE TO THE BETHSADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOR  
10 OUTSTANDING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
13 presented to Thermon Lee "Buddy" Carden for his distinguished  
14 service to the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department and for  
15 outstanding lifetime achievement; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Carden was born April 5, 1941, to the  
17 union of David Carden and Anner Ellenburg Carden; he was  
18 reared at the same location he resides today; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Carden has farmed sweet potatoes,  
20 watermelons, Irish potatoes, and pumpkins; he adored the  
21 children and families that stopped by to purchase the pumpkins  
22 and watermelons covering his front yard; and

23 WHEREAS, he met his lovely wife, Annie Rooks, at the  
24 age of 17, and their blissful union has been blessed with  
25 their daughter, Donna, and grandchildren and  
26 great-grandchildren; and

1                   WHEREAS, in 1975, Mr. Carden, in conjunction with  
2 the Alabama Forestry Department, organized the Bethsadia  
3 Volunteer Fire Department; he contributed exceptional  
4 leadership and service as Chief of the Bethsadia Volunteer  
5 Fire Department for 43 years, before retiring at the age of  
6 75; and

7                   WHEREAS, known as Chief to many, he continues to  
8 assist emergency response efforts for wrecks and fires; and

9                   WHEREAS, Mr. Carden worked with state  
10 representatives and the Alabama Department of Transportation  
11 to establish the new bridge on 278 West at Kugler Creek; he  
12 also obtained grant money for a storm shelter in the Bethsadia  
13 area; and

14                  WHEREAS, Mr. Carden is a faithful and dedicated  
15 member of Bethsadia Baptist Church, which his father helped  
16 build; he starts each day with the Lord by his side and ends  
17 each day with the Lord by his side; and

18                  WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Carden has earned  
19 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication  
20 and exceptional abilities; his hard work, diligence, and  
21 unwavering commitment to excellence, combined with his  
22 indomitable spirit and altruistic nature are all a tremendous  
23 source of credit to the entire State of Alabama, and he is  
24 truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now  
25 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Thermon Lee Carden is honored  
3 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in  
4 highest tribute to his incredible legacy, as well as in  
5 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
6 endeavors.