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3 By Senators Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver and Williams

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8 RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUBURN
9 UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE AND ENGINEERING, GRADUATE
10 SCHOOL, MILITARY INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, AND LAND GRANT STATUS.

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12 WHEREAS, Auburn University, established in 1856, was
13 reorganized as a state institution, the Agricultural and
14 Mechanical College, and as the south's first land grant
15 institution under the Morrill Act in 1872, establishing the
16 Colleges of Agriculture and Engineering and the Graduate
17 School; and

18 WHEREAS, the Morrill Act provided for military
19 training at land grant institutions, thereby establishing a
20 program at Auburn University in 1872 that is recognized today
21 as the Army, Naval, and Air Force Reserve Officers' Training
22 Corps; and

23 WHEREAS, the Colleges of Agriculture and
24 Engineering, along with the Graduate School and Auburn
25 University Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs, have
26 executed on the land grant mission of providing instruction,
27 conducting research, advancing the economic development of the

1 state and the nation through outreach and cooperative
2 extension, and providing military training; and

3 WHEREAS, these colleges and programs have prepared
4 thousands of graduates for productive careers and leadership
5 roles, including individuals who went forth to become
6 astronauts, military leaders, corporate executives, community
7 luminaries, scientists, inventors, engineers, lawyers,
8 doctors, farmers, educators, statespersons, business owners,
9 and more; and

10 WHEREAS, through its research and outreach, the
11 College of Agriculture has fueled some of the state's leading
12 industries through animal nutrition and welfare, stronger
13 plant varieties and animal breeds, new technologies and
14 practices to make foods safer, enhanced strategies to advance
15 environmental conservation on farms and throughout
16 communities, the combatting of biological threats to the
17 state's farms, new opportunities for farmers, innovative ways
18 to grow higher yields with fewer resources, and stronger rural
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, through its research and outreach, the
21 Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has provided the
22 engineering foundation to build safer and more efficient
23 transportation systems, launch mankind into space and develop
24 commercial space applications, defend our nation against
25 foreign and domestic threats, spur the growth of Alabama's
26 industrial and manufacturing sectors, advance the pulp and
27 paper and chemical refining industries, provide affordable and

1 reliable electrical power, revolutionize our ability to
2 communicate wirelessly, and provide safe and abundant drinking
3 water and effective sanitation systems, all of which have
4 combined to significantly improve the quality of life in our
5 state; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the Auburn
8 University College of Agriculture, Samuel Ginn College of
9 Engineering, Graduate School, and Reserve Officers' Training
10 Corps programs on this 150th Anniversary of serving the
11 citizens of Alabama and our nation, helping to improve lives,
12 enhancing economic development, promoting social well-being,
13 and enhancing national security.