

## HJR6 INTRODUCED



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3 By Representative Kiel  
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4 HJR\_\_\_\_ HONORING MR. HOLLIS ISBELL FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO  
5 THE 2024 AUBURN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE HALL OF  
6 HONOR.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein extended to  
9 Mr. Hollis Isbell for being inducted into the 2024 Auburn  
10 University College of Agriculture Hall of Honor in the  
11 Production Category; and

12 WHEREAS, in December 1984, the Auburn University  
13 Agricultural Alumni Association approved a resolution to  
14 establish the Alabama Agriculture Hall of Honor with a sole  
15 purpose to bestow honor and recognition upon living  
16 Alabamians who have made significant contributions to the  
17 state's agricultural industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell is a third generation row-crop  
19 farmer from Colbert County, Alabama; he has a passion for  
20 growing cotton and is known for being an innovator in  
21 technology and implementing the latest equipment to manage  
22 his family farm, Isbell Farms; he was a pioneer in the use  
23 of irrigation on row crops and was integral in the oversight  
24 and establishment of the Spring Valley Gin; his ideas and  
25 practices are admired across North Alabama and the entire  
26 Cotton Belt, earning him the annual Cotton Achievement Award  
27 in 2002, as selected by Cotton Grower Magazine; and

28 WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell has the outstanding ability to



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29 build consensus among his peers to assure a successful  
30 outcome; his poised leadership was a major factor in  
31 expansion of the boll weevil eradication program through the  
32 final areas of Alabama, including the Tennessee Valley; he  
33 worked tirelessly to persuade growers of the significant  
34 benefits of the program and encourage them to vote in favor  
35 of the required referendum; arguably, this program, which  
36 was highly debated, has proven to be the most significant  
37 biological advancement in Alabama agriculture in the past  
38 century; and,

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Isbell is known for his strong work  
40 ethic that he has passed down to his children and  
41 grandchildren; Isbell Farms, now managed by the second and  
42 third generations, is the largest farm in Colbert County;  
43 and

44 WHEREAS, even with Mr. Isbell'S rich and innovative  
45 history of contributing to agriculture, his vision has  
46 always been to look to the future with a desire to increase  
47 production while also continuing to be a good steward of  
48 God's land; and

49 WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell served as Chairman of the  
50 American Cotton Producers of the National Cotton Council in  
51 2001, President of Southern Cotton Growers, a member of  
52 Cotton Incorporated Board of Directors, Chairman of the  
53 Cotton Commission, Chairman of the ALFA State Cotton  
54 Committee, a member on the Colbert County Alabama Farmers  
55 Federation Board of Directors, and as a Deacon at Woodward  
56 Avenue Baptist Church, where he also served on the Pastoral



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57 Search Committee; and

58 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
59 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Hollis Isbell is highly  
60 commended for being a distinguished man of unwavering  
61 integrity and an inspiration to many in his community and  
62 beyond; we heartily congratulate him for being inducted into  
63 the 2024 Auburn University College of Agriculture Hall of  
64 Honor, and this resolution is offered to him in deepest  
65 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes  
66 for all future endeavors.