

## HJR6 ENROLLED



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3 By Representative Kiel  
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4 HONORING MR. HOLLIS ISBELL FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE 2024  
5 AUBURN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE HALL OF HONOR.  
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7 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein extended to  
8 Mr. Hollis Isbell for being inducted into the 2024 Auburn  
9 University College of Agriculture Hall of Honor in the  
10 Production Category; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell has the outstanding ability to  
28 build consensus among his peers to assure a successful



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

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

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

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



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



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 20-Feb-24.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

**29-Feb-24**

Senate

Adopted