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7 Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham, Grantland,  
8 Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon, Harper, Hill,  
9 Hilliard, Hinshaw, Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Ison,  
10 Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis,  
11 Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy,  
12 McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin,  
13 McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne, Robinson (J),  
15 Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer,  
16 Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd,  
17 Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams (J), Williams  
18 (P), Wood and Wren  
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8 COMMENDING DOCTOR RICHARD W. BRINKER.

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10 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend highest  
11 commendation to Dr. Richard W. "Dick" Brinker, Dean and  
12 Professor in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at  
13 Auburn University, in recognition of his outstanding  
14 achievements and dedicated service; and

15 WHEREAS, as Dean since 1998, Dr. Brinker is credited  
16 with leading the School to its standing as one of the most  
17 highly regarded and productive natural resource programs in  
18 the southern region; he spearheaded the construction of a new  
19 forestry and wildlife sciences building on the Auburn campus,  
20 a \$24.3 million facility that provides cutting edge technology  
21 and laboratory space to support the instruction, research, and  
22 extension missions of the School; and

23 WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as Dean, he held a  
24 joint extension and teaching appointment at Auburn from  
25 1988-1998, responsible for coordination of the Forestry  
26 Extension Faculty and Extension Education activities for  
27 professional loggers, foresters and landowners; he also taught

1 a number of undergraduate courses and continues to teach  
2 Forest Surveying at the Forestry Summer Practicum; and

3 WHEREAS, his academic credentials include a  
4 Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from Louisiana State University,  
5 a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University  
6 of Southern Mississippi, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in  
7 Forestry from Louisiana State University; he has worked in the  
8 forest industry for 12 years and has gained experience in land  
9 management, wood procurement, timber harvesting, and lumber  
10 mill management; and

11 WHEREAS, a registered and certified forester, Dr.  
12 Brinker is active in a number of professional organizations,  
13 and has held leadership roles at the state and regional  
14 levels; he is also the current Chair of the Forestry Research  
15 Advisory Committee that provides recommendations of Federal  
16 Forestry Research to the USDA Secretary of Agriculture and is  
17 past Chair of the External Review Panel for the Sustainable  
18 Forestry Initiative, Incorporated; in addition, he is a  
19 Colonel (Retired) in the United States Army Reserve with 30  
20 years of service; and

21 WHEREAS, his numerous honors and recognitions  
22 include: Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, 2001;  
23 Alabama Foresters Hall of Fame, 2001; Extension Forester of  
24 the Year, Forest Landowners Association, 1997; Outreach Award  
25 for Excellence, Auburn University, 1997; Outstanding Faculty  
26 Member, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, 1993, 1995,  
27 1996, and 1998; Award for Excellence, Mass Media-Video,

1 Southern Regional Extension Foresters, 1994, 1995, and 1996;  
2 among many additional awards; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Brinker has announced his plans to  
4 retire in January 2011, and his presence will be greatly  
5 missed; through the years, he has earned widespread respect  
6 for his exceptional capabilities and tireless dedication; now  
7 therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Richard W. Brinker is  
10 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in  
11 highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him as he embarks  
12 upon his retirement from his position as Dean of the School of  
13 Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University.