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13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,
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8 COMMENDING THE VAUGHN FAMILY FOR EXCEPTIONAL
9 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2009, Crystal Vaughn, 27, and
12 her 18-month-old son, Malachi, lost their lives in a tragic
13 accident in Pickens County, Alabama, when the vehicle they
14 occupied was swept away in a torrent of floodwaters; and

15 WHEREAS, heavy rains had resulted in flooding on
16 Buncomb Creek near Antioch Church Road six miles northeast of
17 Reform, Alabama; the turbulent waters had torn out the road
18 culvert, and the vehicle was swiftly carried several hundred
19 yards downstream, where it was almost completely submerged
20 before help could arrive; and

21 WHEREAS, Pickens County fire departments and rescue
22 squads attempted to save the mother and child, but the rescue
23 was hampered by the lack of appropriate rescue equipment; and

24 WHEREAS, the grieving Vaughn family made a decision
25 to turn the tragedy into something positive, and embarked upon
26 a campaign for more support of the volunteer fire departments
27 and rescue squads in Pickens County; they organized a benefit,

1 cooked food, and went door-to-door soliciting aid; these
2 tireless efforts resulted in raising approximately \$17,000
3 toward the purchase of swift water rescue equipment for
4 Pickens County fire departments; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of their
7 exceptional and selfless efforts to benefit their fellow
8 citizens, the members of the Vaughn Family are honored and
9 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
10 and deepest appreciation to them, along with heartfelt
11 sympathy for the tragic loss of their loved ones.