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8 RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BENJAMIN RUSSELL
9 WOOD.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with great appreciation the many
12 accomplishments of Mr. Benjamin Russell Wood of Autaugaville;
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14 WHEREAS, born December 31, 1924, to Charles Francis
15 and Elizabeth Jones Wood, Mr. Wood graduated from Hicks
16 Memorial School in 1943; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was drafted into the United States
18 Army shortly after his graduation, completing his training in
19 Combat Engineers; he served in the European Theater of World
20 War II, with a unit that built pontoon and other bridges; and

21 WHEREAS, returning home from his honorable service
22 in 1946, Mr. Wood earned his B.S. degree in Agriculture
23 Science from Auburn University in 1950 and went on to teach
24 the art of agriculture to returning veterans; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood returned to his family farm, which
26 eventually grew to over 800 acres; Wood Farms, which has been

1 farmed continuously by Mr. Woods' family for over 130 years,
2 was named an Alabama Century and Heritage Farm in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood and his wife, Catherine Wilkerson
4 Wood, have three children, Catherine L. Wood (Charles) Cowart,
5 MD, Elizabeth Rebecca (Carroll) Hopkins, and Rusty Wood; and
6 seven grandchildren, Chris Cowart, Catherine Cowart, Celia
7 Cowart, Rebecca Hopkins, Laura Hopkins, Ben Hopkins, and David
8 Hopkins; Mr. Rusty Wood is the current proprietor of Wood
9 Farms; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood is widely renowned as a leader in
11 the agriculture community; he has been honored by numerous
12 organizations for his outstanding contributions to his field;
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the many
16 accomplishments of Mr. Benjamin Russell Wood of Autaugaville
17 and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our heartfelt
18 gratitude for his service to the State of Alabama and to our
19 nation.