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3 By Senators Waggoner and French
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 02-MAR-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR86,

5 CONGRATULATING THE KENT CORPORATION AND FOUNDER M.A.
6 OZTEKIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE CORPORATION'S 52ND ANNIVERSARY.

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8 WHEREAS, we note with great pride and appreciation
9 that the Kent Corporation will observe its 52nd anniversary in
10 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, founded by M.A. Oztekin, the Kent
12 Corporation is the industry gold standard for manufacturing
13 store fixtures; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Istanbul, Turkey, Mr. Oztekin
15 transferred from the University of Michigan to The University
16 of Alabama on the invitation of his pen-pal and future wife,
17 Sue; after graduating from The University and completing
18 citizenship requirements in 1951, Mr. Oztekin took a position
19 with a store fixture manufacturer in Detroit, where he learned
20 the fundamentals of the industry; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Oztekin returned to Goodwater, Alabama,
22 and founded Dixie Craft, where he manufactured shelving and
23 belt-driven checkouts for retailers; in 1958, Mr. Oztekin
24 founded the Kent Corporation and quickly established himself

1 as the preeminent mind in his field; in 1968, he was nominated
2 for the Presidential "E" Award for his exporting efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Oztekin holds 14 patents in the United
4 States, France, England, and Germany; his record for
5 innovation is beyond compare; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Oztekin created the Oztekin Family
7 Endowed Scholarship to assist engineering students at The
8 University of Alabama, where the College of Engineering named
9 him a Fellow in 2006; in 2007, he was inducted into the
10 Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame; and

11 WHEREAS, the contributions of Mr. Oztekin and the
12 Kent Corporation to our state, the nation, and their industry
13 are deserving of recognition; we are proud that Mr. Oztekin
14 selected Alabama as his adopted home; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with appreciation and
17 gratitude we hereby congratulate the Kent Corporation and Mr.
18 M.A. Oztekin on the occasion of the Corporation's 52nd
19 anniversary and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend
20 our warm best wishes for continued success.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 03-MAR-10

By: Senator Waggoner