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3 By Senator Taylor
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5 COMMENDING ANDY AND DAWN WENDLAND AND RECOGNIZING
6 AUTAUGA FARMING COMPANY FOR BEING NAMED 2011 ALABAMA FARM OF
7 DISTINCTION.

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9 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
10 herein extended to Andy and Dawn Wendland for having their
11 farm named the 2011 Alabama Farm of Distinction during the
12 annual Farm-City Awards Program in Birmingham, Alabama, on
13 April 11, 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, the Farm of Distinction Award is presented
15 annually by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama to the farm
16 that exhibits outstanding management and productivity, as well
17 as exceptional appearance and conservation practices; and

18 WHEREAS, Andy and Dawn Wendland operate Autauga
19 Farming Company, a diversified row crop and cattle operation
20 in Autaugaville, including approximately 2,500 acres of
21 cotton, corn, soybeans, and wheat, as well as some 750 beef
22 cows; and

23 WHEREAS, the Wendlands were founding members of
24 Autauga Quality Cotton Association, which has grown to become
25 one of the nation's leading cotton marketing cooperatives,

1 serving 2,000 producers in nine states; they also joined
2 forces with neighbors to form the Producers Feeder Cattle
3 Sale, which secures premium prices by marketing uniform
4 truckloads of cattle; and

5 WHEREAS, Andy Wendland is the third generation to
6 operate the 100-year-old family farm in Autauga County, and he
7 is a leader in the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alabama
8 Cattlemen's Association; the Wendlands, along with their five
9 children, are members of Church Street United Methodist
10 Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Autauga Farming Company was selected from a
12 field of six finalists in the Farm of Distinction competition;
13 as winners of the Farm of Distinction, the Wendlands will
14 receive a cash award, other prizes, and an expense-paid trip
15 to compete in the Swisher Sweets Sunbelt Agricultural Expo
16 Southeastern Farmer of the Year Contest in Moultrie, Georgia,
17 October 18-20, 2011; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend
20 Andy and Dawn Wendland and recognize Autauga Farming Company
21 for being named the 2011 Alabama Farm of Distinction and, by
22 copy of this resolution, we convey our heartiest
23 congratulations and best wishes for the future.

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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.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 26-APR-11

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