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3 By Senator Taylor
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8 COMMENDING ANDY AND DAWN WENDLAND AND RECOGNIZING
9 AUTAUGA FARMING COMPANY FOR BEING NAMED 2011 ALABAMA FARM OF
10 DISTINCTION.

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the Wendlands were founding members of
27 Autauga Quality Cotton Association, which has grown to become

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

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

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

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