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3 By Representative Long  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING CHARLOTTE DUTTON FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
12 herein proudly extended to Charlotte Dutton, an exemplary  
13 citizen of Lake Guntersville, in recognition of her  
14 outstanding achievement of receiving the 2011 Lake  
15 Guntersville Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Cup; and

16 WHEREAS, ever since she and her husband, Ron, opened  
17 the first McDonald's in Guntersville in 1979, she has been an  
18 active member of the Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce for  
19 which she has served as a chair and board member; she was a  
20 co-chair for the largest fundraiser in the history of the  
21 Chamber; she has also displayed great leadership as a former  
22 board member of the American Red Cross, the Whole Backstage  
23 Theatre, and the Guntersville Rec Center Board, as a current  
24 board member of BancorpSouth, and as a founding member of the  
25 "Little Touch of Red" gala committee; she is a graduate of the  
26 Marshall County Leadership Challenge; and

1           WHEREAS, abounding with devotion, generosity, and  
2 positive energy, she has supported local schools, the parks  
3 and recreation department, her church, and community events;  
4 an uplifting, fun-loving individual, she graciously and  
5 enthusiastically serves the community with a smile on her  
6 face; she and Ron benevolently donated thousands of Big Mac  
7 Meals to student athletes; an excellent role model, she has  
8 mentored youth who work at McDonald's and has been  
9 instrumental in shaping bright futures; she has contributed  
10 her time on boards and committees for McDonald's  
11 organizations; she faithfully attends First Baptist Church of  
12 Guntersville, where she teaches 5th grade girls in Sunday  
13 School; she has also served on numerous committees at her  
14 church; she and Ron have a lovely daughter, Christie (Brad)  
15 Bruce, and three grandchildren, Caroline, Paul, and John; and

16           WHEREAS, she has been honored by McDonald's for her  
17 beneficial work throughout her career; the Shining Star Award  
18 was bestowed upon her by McDonald's Women Operators Network  
19 (WON); she was given the Alabama Community Education  
20 Association's (ACEA) Benefactor of the Year Award; she and Ron  
21 have received the esteemed Ronald McDonald Award twice, the  
22 Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award of Excellence, Outstanding  
23 Store Awards, a National Top 100 Restaurant award, the Cutting  
24 Edge Award, and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award; and

25           WHEREAS, with her commitment to excellence, this  
26 remarkable Alabamian is the source of justifiable pride to her

1 family and the entire community, and she is truly deserving of  
2 the significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Charlotte Dutton is most  
5 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered  
6 with heartiest congratulations to her on receiving the 2011  
7 Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Cup, along  
8 with best wishes for continuing success in all future  
9 endeavors.