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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING WAYNE BENTLEY.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations are herein proudly presented to Wayne Bentley, the exemplary owner of Howard Bentley Buick GMC in Albertville, Alabama, for being the 2013 TIME Dealer of the Year for Alabama; and

WHEREAS, The TIME Dealer of the Year program honors new-car dealers in America who exhibit exceptional performance in their dealerships and perform distinguished community service; and

WHEREAS, currently, Mr. Bentley serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Automobile Dealers Association of Alabama (ADAA), as president of the Tennessee Valley Buick Pontiac GMC Dealer Marketing Association, and as president of the Albertville New Car Dealers Association; in addition, he is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) and a participant of a NADA Regional Twenty Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bentley's distinguished thirty-year career ignited when he began working in the parts department of his father's, Howard Bentley's, Oldsmobile-Pontiac-GMC dealership in Fayetteville, Tennessee; he advanced to other dealership positions, before he and his father purchased his Alabama dealership, which he has owned and operated for the

1 past 25 years; his Alabama dealership has garnered numerous
2 sales and customer satisfaction awards, consistently held
3 customer satisfaction ratings above the required zone and
4 regional levels, and has maintained at least a 150 percent or
5 greater share of the market for the GM assigned area of
6 responsibility; upon the death of his father, he assumed the
7 position of dealer operator of the Fayetteville dealership
8 while still running the Alabama dealership; and

9 WHEREAS, involved in the community, Mr. Bentley
10 serves as President and Vice President of local PTA
11 organizations and board of directors for the Albertville City
12 School Foundation, for which his donation of a new vehicle
13 raised substantial funding; chosen Albertville Citizen of the
14 Year in 2004, he has also served as President of the
15 Albertville Rotary Club, which he has been a member of since
16 1997, on the Snead State Community College Advisory Board,
17 with the Snead State Community College Foundation, on the
18 presidential search committee for Snead State Community
19 College, on the board of directors for the Albertville Chamber
20 of Commerce, as Chamber Chairperson, on the Marshall County
21 Leadership Challenge Program board of directors, and on the
22 board of directors for Leadership Albertville; he coached
23 recreation league girls' basketball, where his exceptional
24 guidance contributed to his youngest daughter receiving a
25 basketball scholarship to Oglethorpe University in Atlanta;

1 his dealership sponsors the local D.A.R.E. program and
2 provides vehicles for the City of Albertville's School
3 Resource Program; and

4 WHEREAS, he is married to Kathy, who serves as the
5 dealership's comptroller, and they have two daughters, Taylor,
6 who is a senior at The University of Alabama majoring in
7 Marketing and Business, and Alana, a freshman at Oglethorpe
8 University in Atlanta, where she majors in Business Management
9 and is a member of the women's basketball team; he and his
10 family are active members of North Broad Street Church of
11 Christ, where he served as a Deacon for eight years and now
12 serves as Finance Ministry leader; and

13 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Bentley has earned
14 profound respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
15 abilities; his achievements reflect honor upon the entire
16 State of Alabama, and he is truly deserving of the significant
17 honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That Mr. Bentley is highly honored
19 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
20 heartiest congratulations, as well as in deepest admiration
21 and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued
22 success in all future endeavors.

