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3 By Representative Rich
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8 COMMENDING WAYNE BENTLEY.

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Bentley's distinguished thirty-year
26 career ignited when he began working in the parts department

1 of his father's, Howard Bentley's, Oldsmobile-Pontiac-GMC
2 dealership in Fayetteville, Tennessee; he advanced to other
3 dealership positions, before he and his father purchased his
4 Alabama dealership, which he has owned and operated for the
5 past 25 years; his Alabama dealership has garnered numerous
6 sales and customer satisfaction awards, consistently held
7 customer satisfaction ratings above the required zone and
8 regional levels, and has maintained at least a 150 percent or
9 greater share of the market for the GM assigned area of
10 responsibility; upon the death of his father, he assumed the
11 position of dealer operator of the Fayetteville dealership
12 while still running the Alabama dealership; and

13 WHEREAS, involved in the community, Mr. Bentley
14 serves as President and Vice President of local PTA
15 organizations and board of directors for the Albertville City
16 School Foundation, for which his donation of a new vehicle
17 raised substantial funding; chosen Albertville Citizen of the
18 Year in 2004, he has also served as President of the
19 Albertville Rotary Club, which he has been a member of since
20 1997, on the Snead State Community College Advisory Board,
21 with the Snead State Community College Foundation, on the
22 presidential search committee for Snead State Community
23 College, on the board of directors for the Albertville Chamber
24 of Commerce, as Chamber Chairperson, on the Marshall County
25 Leadership Challenge Program board of directors, and on the
26 board of directors for Leadership Albertville; he coached

1 recreation league girls' basketball, where his exceptional
2 guidance contributed to his youngest daughter receiving a
3 basketball scholarship to Oglethorpe University in Atlanta;
4 his dealership sponsors the local D.A.R.E. program and
5 provides vehicles for the City of Albertville's School
6 Resource Program; and

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

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

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