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3 By Representative Hubbard (M)  
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8 COMMENDING MR. ALBERT MCDONALD UPON HIS INDUCTION  
9 INTO THE HALL OF HONOR BY THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL  
10 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Mr.  
13 Albert McDonald of Madison is congratulated upon being  
14 inducted into the Hall of Honor by the Auburn University  
15 Agricultural Alumni Association in ceremonies on February 13,  
16 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald is being recognized for his  
18 significant contributions to Agriculture in the arena of  
19 Education/Government; he has had a successful career mixing  
20 farming with government, placing service above himself in his  
21 actions and accomplishments; and

22 WHEREAS, he grew up on a fruit farm owned by his  
23 family and took an interest in crop plants as well as insects,  
24 including innovating methods of destroying Boll Weevils and  
25 later becoming a member of the Beltwide Boll Weevil  
26 Eradication Committee; and

1           WHEREAS, after becoming a cotton farmer, he quickly  
2 grew his business to 2,000 acres of cotton and was named  
3 Cotton Farming Magazine's National Farmer of the Year in 1972;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald also had an aptitude for  
6 politics, holding strong opinions on the way Alabama's  
7 agribusiness should change, and he adhered to his convictions  
8 throughout his tenure in government; and

9           WHEREAS, beginning in 1974, he served two terms in  
10 the Alabama State Senate, representing District 5, and was a  
11 knowledgeable and highly effective leader for his  
12 constituency; and

13           WHEREAS, during his career as an elected official,  
14 he lived by the credo of "farmer first, politics second";  
15 although he continued to operate a very large farming  
16 enterprise, he maintained his focus on serving the public  
17 interest; and

18           WHEREAS, from 1983 until 1991, Mr. McDonald served  
19 as Alabama's Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries; he  
20 also received a Presidential Appointment to serve as State  
21 Director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm  
22 Services Agency; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald is credited with worthy  
24 legislative initiatives that continue to profoundly impact the  
25 agriculture economy in Alabama; through the years, he has  
26 earned respect for his exceptional abilities and substantial

1 contributions, and he is truly worthy of the significant honor  
2 bestowed upon him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Albert McDonald is hereby  
5 most highly commended for his many accomplishments, and this  
6 resolution is offered with heartiest congratulations to him  
7 upon his well-deserved induction into the Hall of Honor by the  
8 Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association.