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

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Mr.
13 James Sanford of Prattville 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. Sanford is being recognized for his
18 significant contributions to Agriculture in the realm of
19 Production; and

20 WHEREAS, a fifth-generation farmer, he grew up on
21 the McQueen-Smith family farm in Autauga County that has been
22 in operation since 1881; his Auburn University roots date to
23 his enrollment half a century ago to pursue business studies,
24 initially planning not to return to farming; and

25 WHEREAS, he completed a Bachelor of Science Degree
26 in Business Administration in 1968 and Master of Science
27 Degree in Economics in 1971; as part of his thesis project, he

1 designed a computer system for the Autauga Quality Cotton
2 Association in his hometown, and went on to incorporate a
3 similar system into the operation of his family's farm,
4 revolutionizing the way it and other farms statewide did
5 business; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford's key principle has been to
7 "adopt and adapt," and he takes justifiable pride in the
8 McQueen-Smith family's willingness and ability to transition;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he has served in leadership roles in a
11 number of organizations including President of the Autauga
12 Quality Cotton Association, a nine-state cotton marketing
13 organization, and USA-LSA, a loan-servicing agency of the
14 USDA; among his additional involvement, he has chaired the
15 Alabama Cotton Commission, Choice Cotton Incorporated, the
16 Auburn Research and Technology Foundation, the National Cotton
17 Council Cotton Investment and Leadership Development
18 Committees, and the Birmingham Branch of the Federal Reserve
19 Bank of Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, in March 2012, he received a gubernatorial
21 appointment and State Senate confirmation to serve on the
22 Auburn University Board of Trustees, a responsibility he
23 welcomes and cherishes as "coming home"; and

24 WHEREAS, he is married to Dot Hardage Sanford, a
25 1970 alumna of Auburn University, and they have three
26 children: Susan Jones, Catherine Porter, and William H.
27 Sanford; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Sanford has earned
2 respect for his exceptional abilities and substantial
3 contributions to agriculture and to the community, and he is
4 truly worthy of the significant honor bestowed upon him; now
5 therefore,

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