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8 COMMENDING ELTON HENSON ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE  
9 ALABAMA AMATEUR SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
12 are herein proudly extended to Elton Henson, an exemplary  
13 resident of Alberta on his outstanding achievement of being  
14 inducted into the Alabama Amateur Softball Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, at 89-years-old, Mr. Henson is one of eight  
16 new members who were honored at the Alabama Amateur Softball  
17 Association's 22nd Annual Hall of Fame induction banquet; and

18 WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Henson was inducted into the  
19 fast pitch category; he was a standout left fielder who  
20 possessed tremendous speed and a remarkable skill in covering  
21 the field; and

22 WHEREAS, he began playing softball when the sport  
23 first originated, and he has the distinction of playing on the  
24 inaugural Holt Boys Team at age 14; he progressed to adult  
25 teams and even played on an Army team while serving in World  
26 War II; in addition, he played slow pitch church-league  
27 softball; he officially retired from the game around 1980; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mr. Henson has served the West Alabama  
2 Softball Hall of Fame as President and on the Board of  
3 Directors; and

4                   WHEREAS, he retired from Gulf States in 1985, and he  
5 and his wife, Liz, have a blended family of 32 children and  
6 grandchildren; and

7                   WHEREAS, undoubtedly one of the best softball  
8 players in Alabama, Mr. Henson has earned respect for his  
9 exceptional abilities and tireless dedication to the ideals of  
10 sportsmanship; "He's just an outstanding individual. He played  
11 with a great group of men out of that Holt area. There are not  
12 many of them left, but the ones who are speak very highly of  
13 Elton," said Parks Burgin, chairman of the selection committee  
14 for the Alabama Amateur Softball Hall of Fame; he is truly  
15 deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon him; now  
16 therefore,

17                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Elton Henson is highly  
19 honored and commended, and this resolution is presented to him  
20 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
21 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.