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3 By Representative McClendon
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8 COMMENDING DR. ROB PATE FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE
9 AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG OPTOMETRIST OF THE
10 YEAR.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
13 are herein proudly presented to Dr. Rob Pate on his
14 outstanding achievement of being selected as the American
15 Optometric Association's Young Optometrist of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Pate will receive the national honor at
17 Optometry's Meeting in Philadelphia on June 25, 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Pate has cultivated a distinguished
19 career as an optometrist and has demonstrated exceptional
20 involvement as a standout member of the Alabama Optometric
21 Association; and

22 WHEREAS, as an optometrist, who exhibits an
23 unwavering commitment to excellence, he is know for being the
24 first to volunteer for a tough assignment; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Pate served the InfantSee Committee as
26 chairman in 2012, during which time he traveled to every local
27 optometric society to lecture on the program and how to

1 perform the exam in addition to providing ideas on
2 implementation of the program within all optometric offices;
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4 WHEREAS, in 2010, he volunteered to serve as a
5 legislative keyperson for the meritorious organization, and he
6 served as a "Team Leader" for the entity's keyperson structure
7 in 2014; he served the Birmingham Area Optometric Society as
8 President for the past year and was recently elected to serve
9 on the ALOA Board of Directors; and

10 WHEREAS, a passionate humanitarian, Dr. Pate became
11 a volunteer for the Alabama Special Olympics while attending
12 the UAB School of Optometry, where he graduated in 2007; since
13 2012, he has chaired the Eyecare Section for the Special
14 Olympics, for which he organizes, promotes, and directs eye
15 exams at the state games on the campus of Troy University; in
16 addition, he has participated in a number of volunteer health
17 screenings; and

18 WHEREAS, he is very involved with his local school
19 district, where he serves as the team optometrist for the
20 Spain Park middle and high school athletes, and he organizes
21 and performs eye screenings for the Hoover middle and high
22 school athletes; he also serves as a preceptor for the Hoover
23 High School Science Academy, providing job shadowing
24 internships to high school seniors participating in the Health
25 Science Academy; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Pate has received a number of accolades
27 for his admirable work; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Pate authored the book, A Tiger's Walk:
2 Memoirs of an Auburn Football Player, which was inspired by
3 his football career at Auburn University; he hosts a weekly
4 radio show, Eyes on Auburn, and writes a bi-weekly column for
5 AuburnSports.com; during the college football season, he
6 co-hosts a live online broadcast during Auburn games; and

7 WHEREAS, he serves as an ordained Deacon of the
8 Double Oak Community Church, where he teaches Sunday School
9 for seventh grade boys; he is a member of the Hoover Rotary
10 Club, which he has served as Secretary-Treasurer; furthermore,
11 he has performed refractions for deploying National Guard
12 soldiers for gas mask inserts at Fort McClellan; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Pate and his beautiful wife, Dana, are
14 the parents of five children; and

15 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Pate has earned
16 immense respect for his tireless dedication and tremendous
17 abilities; his hard work, ingenuity, and genuine concern for
18 others reflect immense honor upon the entire State of Alabama,
19 and he is truly deserving of the significant honor bestowed
20 upon him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Rob Pate is highly
23 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
24 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
25 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.