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3 By Representative Hubbard (M)
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8 COMMENDING MR. LESTER KILLEBREW, SR., UPON HIS
9 INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF HONOR BY THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY
10 AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Mr.
13 Lester Killebrew, Sr., of Abbeville is congratulated upon
14 being 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. Killebrew is being recognized for his
18 significant contributions to Agribusiness in the State of
19 Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, his Auburn University roots date to his
21 enrollment half a century ago; having grown up in the farm
22 equipment business of his father, he earned an Industrial
23 Engineering Degree in 1968 and went into business as a John
24 Deere dealer, opening Henry Farm Center, a successful
25 enterprise in which he attained a sterling reputation; he
26 later expanded his interests to high technology with a
27 computer and telecommunications company; Mr. Killebrew's

1 ValCom Wireless and his CCS Technology Center now provide
2 essential service as well as products; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1994, he acquired two additional John
4 Deere dealerships in Alabama's Wiregrass region and a few
5 years later took a lead in merger talks when John Deere began
6 promoting dealer consolidation, culminating in 2006 when Henry
7 Farm Center and four other dealerships merged to form SunSouth
8 LLC, with Mr. Killebrew as Chairman of the Board; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Killebrew has also served in leadership
10 roles in a number of organizations including President of the
11 Alabama Agribusiness Council, member of the Business Council
12 of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and member of the
13 Alabama Board of Agriculture and Industries; in addition, he
14 has been actively involved in church and civic endeavors,
15 including 22 years of service as a Board Member of the City of
16 Abbeville; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Killebrew and his wife, Catherine, have
18 three adult children, two sons and a daughter; he is a runner
19 and, in his free time, enjoys restoring antique cars and
20 tractors; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Killebrew has earned
22 respect for his exceptional abilities and substantial
23 contributions to agribusiness and to the community, and he is
24 truly worthy of the significant honor bestowed upon him; now
25 therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Lester Killebrew, Sr., is

1 hereby most highly commended for his many accomplishments, and
2 this resolution is offered with heartiest congratulations to
3 him upon his well-deserved induction into the Hall of Honor by
4 the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association.