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3 By Representative Hubbard
4 RFD:
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8 RECOGNIZING ALBERT WESTBROOK COMPTON, JR., ON HIS
9 INDUCTION INTO THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI
10 ASSOCIATION HALL OF HONOR.
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12 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
13 Albert Westbrook "Buck" Compton, Jr., on his outstanding
14 achievement of being inducted into the Auburn University
15 Agricultural Alumni Association Hall of Honor; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton was born and reared in
17 Nanafalia, Alabama, where he began a long and successful
18 career in Alabama's cattle industry; he operates a 1,200-acre
19 cattle and timber farm in Marengo County; through the years,
20 his Charolais herd has had the distinction of being one of the
21 largest in the South; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton has owned cattle since his
23 youth when he was a member of 4-H and Future Farmers of
24 America; in 1950, he entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute as
25 a student and had already grown his herd to more than 10 cows;
26 he served as President of the School of Agriculture and Vice

1 President of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; he graduated with a
2 Degree in Agricultural Sciences in 1954; and

3 WHEREAS, upon graduation from college, Mr. Compton
4 served with much honor and distinction in the U.S. Air Force
5 as an airman and lieutenant and married his beloved and
6 devoted wife, Barbara; after his service, he returned to the
7 farm, and he and his father, Albert Compton, Sr., expanded
8 their operation; he began exclusively raising pure-bred
9 Charolais cattle in the early 1980s; since then, he has
10 strongly supported the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement
11 Association and the performance-tested bull test program; he
12 was instrumental in establishing the West Central Alabama
13 Grazing Test and sale; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to raising cattle and growing
15 timber, Mr. Compton owns a pulpwood dealership and the Compton
16 Country Store, which remains at its original location; his
17 distinguished career has led him to travel to a number of
18 countries in South and Central America including Cuba, Mexico,
19 and Argentina; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton has served as a prominent
21 leader in a number of cattle-related organizations; his
22 affiliations have included the Alabama Charolais Association,
23 which he served as President; Marengo County Cattlemen's
24 Association, which he served as director; the American
25 International Charolais Association, which he served as
26 President; the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, which he
27 served as President; and the Alabama Purebred Beef Breeds

1 Council, which he served as President; furthermore, he served
2 as Chairman of the Marengo County Soil and Water District and
3 on the board of the BMW Hospital in Demopolis, Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, notably, he was named as Seedstock Producer
5 of the Year by the American International Charolais
6 Association in 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, the Comptons reside in Marengo County,
8 Alabama, and have two daughters, Jan and Cindy; and five
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, his meritorious work will be celebrated at
11 the 2015 Hall of Honor Banquet Thursday, February 5, 2015, at
12 the Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center at
13 Grand National; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton has cultivated an indelible
15 legacy of excellence that is an enormous source of credit to
16 the agricultural industry and the entire State of Alabama; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Albert Westbrook Compton,
20 Jr., is honored and commended, and it is directed that a copy
21 of this resolution shall be presented to him in deepest
22 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes
23 for the future.