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8 CELEBRATING MARAELLA WINERY OF HOKES BLUFF WINNING
9 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
12 extending highest commendation to Maraella Winery of Hokes
13 Bluff, Alabama, in its recent successful competitions;
14 Appalachia Foothill Carlos, a Maraella white muscadine wine,
15 received gold medals in the 2014 Artisan Awards in San
16 Francisco and at the 2014 International Craft Awards
17 Competition in Los Angeles; the Maraella 2010 Cabernet
18 Sauvignon and the Maraella 2013 Riesling each brought silver
19 awards home to Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, it is with a sense of great pride that we
21 note the growing wine industry in the State of Alabama;
22 Alabama boasts its own Wine Trail, and Maraella Winery is a
23 part of that adventure; and

24 WHEREAS, Craft Wine Awards International
25 Competitions attract top wines from all over the world;
26 independent craft producers focusing on the art of making

1 unique wines share the common interest of bringing their craft
2 wine forward for others to know and enjoy; and

3 WHEREAS, Artisan Awards competitions showcase
4 traditional made products from around the world, assisting
5 suppliers with brand awareness and bringing customer attention
6 to artisan brands; and

7 WHEREAS, small, independently owned wineries in
8 Alabama produce delicate and delicious wines, many from fruit
9 grown on premise; small Alabama wineries producing native farm
10 wines and hand crafted estate wines have a positive economic
11 impact in Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 2005 by Jim Lee and his
13 family, Maraella Estate Farm Vineyard and Winery opened for
14 business in September 2012; the flagship wine, Cabernet
15 Sauvignon, is handcrafted and estate grown and bottled; and

16 WHEREAS, the creation, development, and success of
17 Alabama wineries is culturally and financially beneficial to
18 the citizens of Alabama; Maraella Winery has earned tremendous
19 respect for its tireless dedication and exceptional abilities
20 and is cultivating an inspiring legacy; it is truly deserving
21 of special recognition; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Maraella Winery is highly
24 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
25 deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best
26 wishes for the future.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
2 resolution be provided to the Jim Lee family of Maraella
3 Estate Farm Vineyard and Winery, the Alabama Wineries
4 Association, and the Alabama Tourism Department in celebration
5 and recognition of this accomplishment.