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3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Blackwell, Brewbaker,
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Figures, Glover,
5 Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh, McClendon,
6 Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,
8 Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 RECOGNIZING THE CLAYTON RECORD FOR 100 YEARS OF
9 PUBLICATION.
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11 WHEREAS, the achievement of 100 years of publication
12 is a milestone attained today by few newspapers; The Clayton
13 Record in Clayton, Alabama, has been under the leadership of
14 Bill and Pearle Gammell and their family since 1915, a family
15 tradition for 100 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Bill Gammell had previously worked with The
17 Dothan Eagle in Dothan, Alabama, before moving to Clayton to
18 take the reins of The Clayton Record and make the publication
19 a successful, family affair; working beside his wife, Pearle,
20 Mr. Gammell published news of interest about events and
21 matters of local concern about local people until his death in
22 1954; Mrs. Gammell and their daughter, Mrs. Bertie Gammell
23 Parish, continued that tradition and the publication continued
24 to succeed; Mrs. Parish's husband, Tom, later joined the
25 business as did Elane, the wife of the Parish's son, Ed;
26 ultimately, the Parish's daughter, Rebecca Parish Beasley,
27 took the helm and was joined by her niece, Laney Parish

1 Gullede, who became the fourth generation member of the
2 family to be a part of the family affair in The Clayton
3 Record; and

4 WHEREAS, The Clayton Record began as a hot metal
5 print, a Linotype, and has faced many challenges and
6 opportunities throughout its 100 years of service to Barbour
7 County; it has retained the visionary leadership of the same
8 family who has successfully guided it through the evolution of
9 publication changes that have taken place over the past 100
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the success of The Clayton Record, a weekly
12 publication, is attributed to the dedicated and loyal family
13 and team members who have provided the highest quality of
14 services to the fine citizens of Barbour County and the State
15 of Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, for their successful efforts with The
17 Clayton Record, Bill Gammell, Pearle Gammell, and Bertie
18 Parish have been inducted in the Alabama Press Association
19 Hall of Honor located in the Ralph Draughon Library at Auburn
20 University; among other honors, The Clayton Record was
21 recognized in 2003 by the Alabama Retail Association as an
22 Alabama Centennial Retailer; and

23 WHEREAS, indeed, the owners, management, and team
24 members of The Clayton Record are movers and shakers in their
25 hometown and, for over 100 years have maintained the highest
26 quality of professionalism and are a source of great pride to
27 the citizens of the great State of Alabama; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of outstanding
3 achievement, highest commendation is herein extended to The
4 Clayton Record, particularly in 2015, its 100th Anniversary,
5 and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided
6 for appropriate display with sincere best wishes for continued
7 success in all future endeavors.