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4 Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd,
5 Bracy, Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy,
8 Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones,
11 Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McMillan, Melton, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B), Moore
13 (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos, Poole,
14 Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott,
15 Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge, Todd,
16 Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton (I),
17 Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams
18 (P), Wingo and Wood
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8 RECOGNIZING EDGAR A. ALDRIDGE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
9 THE 2017 AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
10 HALL OF HONOR.

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12 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
13 Edgar A. Aldridge on his outstanding achievement of being
14 named the winner of the Agribusiness Award and being inducted
15 into the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association
16 Hall of Honor; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Aldridge grew up helping in his
18 parents' greenhouse and nursery business in Bessemer, Alabama;
19 he developed a passion for agriculture while working in
20 Aldridge Garden Shop and Nursery, one of the nation's first
21 full-scale retail garden centers; the business became one of
22 the area's best-known nurseries; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Aldridge, an avid plant breeder,
24 developed many new cultivars of ornamental plants and shrubs;
25 he and his father discovered, patented, and introduced the
26 Snowflake hydrangea, an oakleaf hydrangea mutation, which now

1 graces gardens and landscapes across the United States and
2 around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Aldridge purchased a 30-acre private
4 estate in Hoover where he and his wife, Kay, enhanced the
5 property with walking trails and beautiful plantings; on his
6 retirement in 1995, Mr. Aldridge donated Aldridge Gardens to
7 the City of Hoover; he is a lifetime member of its board of
8 directors; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Aldridge has cultivated an indelible
10 legacy of excellence that is an enormous source of credit to
11 the agricultural industry and the entire State of Alabama; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Edgar A. Aldridge is honored
15 and commended, and it is directed that a copy of this
16 resolution shall be presented to him in highest tribute.