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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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20 First Read: 24-AUG-16

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8 RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN F. HAJEK 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 Benjamin R. Hajek on his outstanding achievement of being
14 named the winner of the Education/Government Award and being
15 inducted into the 2017 Auburn University Agricultural Alumni
16 Association Hall of Honor; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek was reared on a farm in Texas and
18 joined the United States Army in 1950; following his military
19 career, he attended Victoria College and Texas A&M University;
20 he attended Auburn University on a National Defense Education
21 Act Graduate Fellowship where he earned a master's degree and
22 doctoral degree; he worked as a research scientist prior to
23 returning to Auburn as an assistant professor of agronomy and
24 soils in 1968; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek is an outstanding researcher and
26 instructor of both undergraduate and graduate courses,
27 specializing in soil classification and clay mineralogy; his

1 teams have won unprecedented successive national championships
2 in Intercollegiate Soils Judging Competitions in 1978, 1979,
3 and 1980; his team won the national championship again in
4 1986, and he served as a volunteer assistant for the team that
5 won the championship in 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Hajek has received
7 honors including the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
8 Director's Research Award and election as a Fellow of Soil
9 Science Society of America; although he retired from Auburn
10 University in 1995 as Professor Emeritus in Agronomy and
11 Soils, he continues to provide services to the College of
12 Agriculture and to Alabama's agriculture and forestry
13 industries; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek and his wife, Rosalie, reside in
15 Auburn and have four sons and three grandchildren; in 2008,
16 his sons established the Dr. Ben F. Hajek Endowed Scholarship
17 in the College of Agriculture in his honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek has cultivated an indelible
19 legacy of excellence that is an enormous source of credit to
20 the agricultural industry and the entire State of Alabama; now
21 therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Benjamin R. Hajek is honored
24 and commended, and it is directed that a copy of this
25 resolution shall be presented to him in highest tribute.