

1 HR15
2 172863-2
3 By Representative Hubbard
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 02-FEB-16

2
3
4
5
6
7
8 RECOGNIZING JAMES M. CRAVEY ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
9 THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF
10 HONOR.

11
12 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
13 James M. Cravey on his outstanding achievement of being
14 inducted into the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni
15 Association Hall of Honor; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey, who has earned the distinction
17 based on his significant contributions to agribusiness,
18 developed a passion for agriculture while growing up on his
19 family's Covington County, Alabama, operation that raised hogs
20 and cattle and grew corn, timber, and U-pick vegetables and
21 participating in FFA; in 1970, he earned an Agriscience
22 Education Degree at Auburn University, where he served as
23 President of Alpha Gamma Rho; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey embarked upon his distinguished
25 career with Con-Agra Poultry in Dalton, Georgia; in a quick
26 span of time, he completed basic training with the Alabama
27 Army National Guard and left Con-Agra to become the first

1 full-time Young Farmers Program Director for what is now
2 Alabama Farmers Federation; four years later, he entered the
3 position of Director of the Federation's Commodity Department
4 and Dairy Division; over the next three decades, he
5 represented Alabama farmers' interests in state and national
6 legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey retired from the Alabama Farmers
8 Federation in 2005, returning temporarily to the workforce in
9 2013 to serve as Interim Executive Director of the Alabama
10 Peanut Producers Association; he and his brother, Albert,
11 operate a Florala farm with cattle, timber, and a hunting
12 lodge; and he has garnered numerous state and national FFA
13 honors, a Special Service to Agriculture Award from the
14 federation, and selection as Brother of the Year in 2004 by
15 Alpha Gamma Rho; he has served as President of the Alabama
16 Agribusiness Council, a lifetime member of the Auburn
17 Agricultural Alumni Association, and a member of the College
18 of Agriculture's Dean's Advisory Council and the National
19 Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey's wife of 30 years and mother of
22 his children, Paula, passed away in 2000; in 2005, he married
23 Cindy, and they live in Shalimar, Florida; his children, Chad
24 and Ashley Cravey Gregory, have blessed him with five
25 grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey has cultivated an indelible
27 legacy of excellence that is an enormous source of credit to

1 the agricultural industry and the entire State of Alabama; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That James Cravey is honored and
5 commended, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
6 shall be presented to him in highest tribute.