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8 HONORING WARREN GRIFFITH ON HIS INCREDIBLE  
9 AGRICULTURAL LEGACY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to honor  
12 those remarkable individuals who have made an indelible impact  
13 on society through the rewarding field of agriculture; and

14 WHEREAS, Warren Griffith has dedicated his life's  
15 work to bettering the community through the advancement of  
16 agriculture; and

17 WHEREAS, while serving as the Regional Extension  
18 Agent and County Coordinator for the Alabama Cooperative  
19 Extension System in Fayette County, Alabama, for 34 years,  
20 Warren Griffith provided farmers and residents with invaluable  
21 information regarding home grounds, gardening, fruit and  
22 vegetable production, agronomy, animal science, and plant  
23 pathology issues; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith was instrumental in the  
25 establishment of the Fayette County Fair and Livestock Show  
26 and chaired the Fayette District Dairy Cattle Show for over 30  
27 years; he has served as a powerful advocate for 4-H programs

1 in Fayette County Schools and has assisted hundreds of  
2 Northwest Alabama youth in the exhibition of dairy cattle,  
3 beef cattle, sheep, dairy goats, meat goats, and horses; and

4 WHEREAS, his promotion of 4-H has enriched the lives  
5 and minds of youth and has provided countless students with  
6 leadership skills, agricultural knowledge, and civic pride, a  
7 true embodiment of the noble 4-H motto, "to make the best  
8 better"; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith's extensive record of  
10 excellence includes assisting local agriculture teachers and  
11 FFA advisors with programming, directing numerous agronomic  
12 experiments and field trials to develop research projects and  
13 data as a means to assist farmers across the state, providing  
14 farmers with research based data through Auburn University's  
15 Cooperative Extension System, serving as a key player in  
16 securing grants and the financial means to build the Fayette  
17 County Multipurpose Facility, securing numerous grants to  
18 support livestock exhibition and agriculture in Fayette  
19 County, and assisting county and state government with the  
20 many issues and questions that arise concerning agriculture;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, with much diligence, Mr. Griffith has  
23 served as a board member of the Fayette County Farmers  
24 Federation and the Fayette County Cattlemen's Association and  
25 as Chair of the Fayette County Farm City Committee; and

26 WHEREAS, he is a faithful and devoted member of the  
27 Fayette First United Methodist Church; and

1           WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Griffith has earned  
2 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication  
3 and exceptional abilities while enlightening many and making  
4 great strides in the world of agriculture; his ingenuity and  
5 progress have reflected immense credit upon the entire State  
6 of Alabama; and

7           WHEREAS, "agriculture is not crop production as  
8 popular belief holds - it's the production of food and fiber  
9 from the world's land and waters; without agriculture it is  
10 not possible to have a city, stock market, banks, university,  
11 church or army; agriculture is the foundation of civilization  
12 and any stable economy"; now therefore,

13           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Warren Griffith is highly  
15 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
16 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
17 best wishes for the future.