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8 COMMENDING WENDELL AND NAN GIBBS AND RECOGNIZING  
9 GIBBS FARMS FOR BEING NAMED THE 2016 ALABAMA FARM OF  
10 DISTINCTION.  
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12 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
13 herein extended to husband and wife, Wendell and Nan Gibbs,  
14 and their operation, Gibbs Farms, in recognition of being  
15 named the 2016 Alabama Farm of Distinction during the annual  
16 Alabama Farm-City Awards Program in Birmingham, Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, the Farm of Distinction Award is presented  
18 annually by the Alabama Farm-City Committee to a family  
19 farming business that exhibits outstanding management and  
20 productivity, as well as exceptional appearance and  
21 conservation practices; and

22 WHEREAS, Gibbs Farms is an exemplary cattle farm in  
23 Cleburne County that is one of the nation's leading producers  
24 of Simmental-Angus beef cattle; and

25 WHEREAS, founded in 1961 by Wendell and Nan Gibbs,  
26 the farm began as a small poultry and commercial beef  
27 operation; today the farm spans three states and includes 750

1 acres of land owned by the company and over 1,000 acres leased  
2 and rented as pasture; and

3 WHEREAS, annually the Gibbs family markets almost  
4 500 Sim-Angus bulls and heifers through its innovative,  
5 state-of-the-art sale barn and ships two to three 50,000-pound  
6 loads of feeder cattle to Kansas; the farm also has 26 bulls  
7 leased to major breeding companies and sells semen from 13  
8 others; and

9 WHEREAS, Doug Gibbs, the son of Wendell and Nan,  
10 manages the day-to-day operations of the farm; they pride  
11 themselves in preserving their heritage and putting a good  
12 face on agriculture, offering an open invitation to visit the  
13 farm and help out anybody who wants to get in the cattle  
14 business; and

15 WHEREAS, Wendell Gibbs is past president of the  
16 Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the Beef Cattle  
17 Improvement Association; the Gibbs have three children, 10  
18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and they are  
19 members of Macedonia Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Gibbs Farms was selected from a field of  
21 six finalists in the Farm of Distinction competition and as  
22 winners of the Farm of Distinction, the Gibbs received a cash  
23 award and other prizes and the honor of representing Alabama  
24 in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year Competition at the  
25 Sunbelt Agricultural Expo in Moultrie, Georgia, October 18-20,  
26 2016; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most highly commend  
3           Wendell and Nan Gibbs and recognize Gibbs Farms for being  
4           named the 2016 Alabama Farm of Distinction and, by copy of  
5           this resolution, we convey our heartiest congratulations and  
6           best wishes for the future.