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8 RECOGNIZING JAMES M. CRAVEY ON HIS INDUCTION INTO  
9 THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF  
10 HONOR.

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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.