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4 SJR___ COMMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT
5 CENTER ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.
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7 WHEREAS, highest commendations are extended to the
8 International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) in Muscle
9 Shoals, Alabama, on celebrating its 50th Anniversary of
10 groundbreaking contributions to global agricultural
11 sustainability; and

12 WHEREAS, IFDC was founded in 1974 in response to a
13 global food crisis, with nearly 500 million people lacking
14 sufficient food; prompted by U.S. Secretary of State Henry
15 Kissinger's call for improved agricultural production in
16 developing countries, IFDC was established with funding from
17 Canada's International Development Research Centre and the
18 U.S. Agency for International Development, and land from
19 Tennessee Valley Authority in Muscle Shoals; initially
20 operating out of temporary facilities, IFDC has since
21 expanded its reach, establishing offices in Africa, Asia,
22 and Europe and working to enhance agricultural
23 sustainability in nearly 100 nations; and

24 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, IFDC has trained
25 millions of smallholder farmers in sustainable soil
26 practices to enhance their livelihoods and ensure the
27 resilience of future food systems; IFDC's efforts are
28 crucial for fostering sustainable and equitable agricultural



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practices worldwide; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Alabama, IFDC leads global agricultural innovation to improve soil health, crop productivity, and food security; its Alabama pilot plant and research labs develop and test fertilizers ensuring efficient and scalable solutions for farmers; with over 500 employees worldwide, including 60 in Alabama, IFDC continues to advance sustainable agriculture and support international farming communities; and

WHEREAS, as IFDC marks its 50th Anniversary, its legacy highlights the need for ongoing investment in agricultural research to address global population challenges; with a solid base in Alabama and expanding influence in Africa and Asia, IFDC is poised to advance its mission of enhancing soil health and agricultural productivity; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the International Fertilizer Development Center is honored and commended on the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and by copy of this resolution for appropriate presentation and display, we convey our highest tribute along with heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future.