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3 By Representative Faulkner  
4 RFD: Rules  
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4 HJR\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING JAKE HARPER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
5 THE ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION.  
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7 WHEREAS, we extend our sincerest commendation and  
8 gratitude to Wilcox County cattleman and timber landowner  
9 Jake Harper, who has served as Southwest Area Vice President  
10 of the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance since  
11 2003; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper, known for his logical mind,  
13 plain speech, and strong accountability to fellow farmers,  
14 was recognized for his commitment to excellence with the  
15 Service to Agriculture Award by Federation President Jimmy  
16 Parnell during the organization's 104th annual meeting in  
17 Montgomery on December 7, 2025; the Service to Agriculture  
18 Award is the Federation's highest honor; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper joined the Wilcox County Farmers  
20 Federation (WCFF) board in 1981, filling the seat of his  
21 late father; he was soon elected WCFF president, a role he  
22 continues to hold; by 1987, Jake Harper became chair of the  
23 State Young Farmers Committee, followed by nine years on the  
24 state board serving District 9, comprised of 17 counties in  
25 central Alabama's Black Belt; in 2003, peers from these  
26 counties elected him Southwest Area vice president; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to his Federation service, Mr.  
28 Harper is a longtime local Soil & Water Conservation



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District board member, has served multiple terms on the Federation State Forestry Committee, and is on the Forever Wild Land Trust board; he is also past president of the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts and Alabama TREASURE Forest Association; he and his family attend Camden Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harper has become known throughout his various leadership roles for his high integrity and honesty, his stalwart, steady, and straightforward way of conducting business, and his intense review of board minutes, financials, publications, and Federation proposals; and

WHEREAS, Jake Harper and his loving wife, Pam, a pharmacist, have instilled the value of service in their family; in 32 cumulative years of service, Mr. Harper has missed only one Federation board meeting; and

WHEREAS, Jake Harper's undeniable influence and steady source of insight to incoming leaders will be sorely missed; he and Pam look forward to adventures ahead, including greater freedom as Papa and Gigi to grandsons Cal, Banks, and Wil, as well as time with their son Jacob and daughter-in-law Landon, son Morgan and daughter-in-law Patricia, and daughter Claudia and son-in-law Bannock Farrens; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we offer our highest regards and deepest appreciation to Jake Harper for his invaluable service to the State of Alabama and the field of agriculture; the legacy of his hard work and professionalism



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57     will continue to inspire us all; and we wish him and his  
58     family a happy and prosperous future to come.