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

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

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

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

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we offer our highest regards
54 and deepest appreciation to Jake Harper for his invaluable
55 service to the State of Alabama and the field of
56 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.