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4 Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd,
5 Bracy, Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy,
8 Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones,
11 Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McMillan, Melton, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B), Moore
13 (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos, Poole,
14 Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott,
15 Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge, Todd,
16 Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton (I),
17 Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams
18 (P), Wingo and Wood
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING MR. LOREN L. ALDRIDGE ON HIS
SELECTION FOR A 2017 ALABAMA AGRICULTURE PIONEER AWARD.

WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to
posthumously honor Mr. Loren L. Aldridge on his selection for
a 2017 Alabama Agriculture Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, through the years, he earned widespread
admiration and respect for his tireless dedication and
exceptional abilities, and enriched countless lives through
his passion for horticulture; and

WHEREAS, an icon in the nursery and floral industry,
he founded both the Bessemer Floral Company and Aldridge
Garden Center and Nursery and contributed exceptional
direction as President of the Alabama Florist Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, a neighbor questioned the
well-respected horticulturist about a curious finding, a
cutting that bore a resemblance to the native oakleaf
hydrangea, but with slight differences; over the next two
years, Mr. Aldridge and his son successfully rooted cuttings
from the same plant discovered by the neighbor; notably, the
pair received a patent for the Hydrangea quercifolia
Snowflake, or the Snowflake hydrangea in 1971; in the years,

1 since, the Snowflake hydrangea has emerged as a favorite
2 garden plant around the globe; and

3 WHEREAS, the accomplished Boaz native was a 1926
4 agricultural education graduate of Alabama Polytechnic
5 Institute, where he was involved in many extracurricular
6 activities and earned numerous honors; he was described as the
7 most popular man to ever grace the Auburn campus; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Aldridge and his beloved and devoted
9 wife, Zeta, had two sons, Mac and Eddie; Mr. Aldridge passed
10 away in 1978; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Aldridge's significant contributions to
12 the rewarding field of agriculture are a tremendous source of
13 credit to the entire State of Alabama; his legacy will remain
14 an inspiration for years to come; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Loren L. Aldridge is
17 posthumously honored and commended, and this resolution is
18 offered to his family in highest tribute to his legacy.

