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3 By Representative Hubbard
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8 RECOGNIZING WAYNE THAMES ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
9 AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF
10 HONOR.

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12 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
13 Wayne Thames on his outstanding achievement of being inducted
14 into the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association
15 Hall of Honor; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Thames, who has earned the distinction
17 based on his significant contributions to agricultural
18 production, developed a passion for agriculture at a young age
19 while growing up on a small, diversified family farm in
20 Conecuh County, Alabama; during his teenage years, he oversaw
21 the family farm when his father found a job off of the farm;
22 he was active in FFA throughout high school and was named
23 Future Farmer of the Year in 1955; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Thames earned a Degree in Agribusiness
25 from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1960; he embarked upon
26 his distinguished career with the Alabama Farmers Cooperative
27 in Frisco City, Alabama, and went on to work for Peterman

1 Agricultural Company in Monroe County, where he served as
2 manager of the fertilizer, seed, and chemical department
3 before entering the position of Vice President, a role he
4 served in for 27 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Thames started his own cattle operation
6 located near the Monroe County-Conecuh County line; it
7 currently includes 1,200 acres of pasture and timber and 500
8 adult cows and brood heifers; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Thames has provided outstanding
10 leadership to various agricultural organizations; he has
11 served as President of the Monroe County Cattlemen's
12 Association, President of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association,
13 a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and
14 Research Board, President of the Alabama Seedsmen's
15 Association, Vice Chairman of the Alabama Agricultural
16 Development Authority, and as a member of the boards of
17 Peoples Exchange Bank of Monroe County, Monroe County
18 Hospital, and Monroe Academy; he is currently a member of the
19 Conecuh County Farmers Federation Board of Directors; notably,
20 he was inducted into the Alabama Livestock Hall of Fame in
21 2006; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Thames married Katherine Aaron in 1959,
23 and they had four children; after her death in 1974, he
24 married Elizabeth Nettles, and they had one child; he and his
25 present wife, Mary, have been married four years; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Thames 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 Wayne Thames is honored and
5 commended, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
6 shall be presented to him in highest tribute.