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3 By Representative Harper
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8 CONGRATULATING SANDRA MARINE JUNKIN ON BEING
9 SELECTED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Sandra Marine Junkin on her
13 selection as Citizen of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, an active member of the community, Mrs.
15 Junkin has provided expert guidance and leadership as
16 President of the Gordo Area Chamber of Commerce, as Secretary
17 for the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association, as President and
18 Vice-President of the Pickens County Cattlewomen's
19 Association, and as a board member for the Pickens County
20 Mental Health Association and United Cerebral Palsy of West
21 Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, a native of Macon, Mississippi, Mrs. Junkin
23 is a self-taught cook whose passion and culinary skills led to
24 an outstanding career in catering and event planning; notably,
25 she started Walnut Hill Design in her kitchen while catering a
26 wedding for a friend and expanded as her business grew; in
27 January 2015, she announced her plans for retirement in order

1 to devote her time to being a full-time wife, mother, and
2 grandmother and to continue in her volunteer efforts and
3 travel with family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, she and her beloved and devoted husband of
5 over 40 years, Tony Junkin, have been blessed with two
6 children, Kristi (Josh) Pate and Scott (Brandi) Junkin; and
7 seven grandchildren; she has served as a foster mother to many
8 over the years; since moving to the Zion, Alabama, area 32
9 years ago, she and her family have been members of Hannah
10 United Methodist Church, where she served for many years as
11 Sunday School teacher, Youth director, and nursery worker; she
12 initiated the senior's monthly lunch program and continues to
13 cook and serve the meal provided by Hannah United Methodist
14 Church; for the past few years, she has provided the meal for
15 the cancer survivors at the Pickens County American Cancer
16 Society Relay for Life; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Junkin displays all of the meritorious
18 characteristics the Citizen of the Year selection encourages
19 and represents; though the years, she has earned immense
20 admiration and respect from all those who have been fortunate
21 enough to know her; her unwavering commitment to excellence
22 reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama, and
23 she is truly deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon
24 her; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Sandra Marine Junkin is
27 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is presented

1 to her in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
2 sincere best wishes for the future.