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8 RECOGNIZING CULLMAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ON THE  
9 OCCASION OF ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, the residents of Cullman County, Alabama,  
12 established the Cullman Electric Membership Corporation in May  
13 1936 to fulfill the community's need for electrical service;  
14 the Cullman Electric Membership Corporation became the first  
15 rural electric cooperative to energize lines in Alabama on  
16 August 4, 1936; and

17 WHEREAS, the residents of Cullman, Morgan, Lawrence,  
18 and Winston Counties place high value on having local control  
19 over community services, and therefore, have chosen to operate  
20 a community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric  
21 utility, and, as members and owners of the electric utility,  
22 have a direct say in the utility's operations and policies;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Cullman Electric Cooperative provides  
25 homes, businesses, farms, social services, and local  
26 government agencies with reliable, efficient, and  
27 cost-effective electricity employing sound business practices

1 designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit  
2 rates; and

3 WHEREAS, Cullman Electric Cooperative is a valuable  
4 community asset that contributes substantially to the  
5 well-being of consumers through energy efficiency, member  
6 service, environmental protection, economic development, and  
7 safety awareness; and

8 WHEREAS, as the community's public power system,  
9 Cullman Electric Cooperative's first and only purpose is to  
10 work in partnership with its member-owners to furnish an  
11 essential public service and the best member service to  
12 community residents for lower-cost rates; and

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor and commend  
15 Cullman Electric Cooperative for its contributions to the  
16 community on the momentous occasion of its 80th Anniversary  
17 Celebration on August 4, 2016.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That just as it has since  
19 its creation, Cullman Electric Cooperative continues to serve  
20 the citizens of Cullman and will continue to ensure that  
21 members benefit from any changes in the electric utility  
22 industry.