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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,

RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN F. HAJEK ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
THE 2017 AUBURN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HALL OF HONOR.

WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
Benjamin R. Hajek on his outstanding achievement of being
named the winner of the Education/Government Award and being
inducted into the 2017 Auburn University Agricultural Alumni
Association Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek was reared on a farm in Texas and
joined the United States Army in 1950; following his military
career, he attended Victoria College and Texas A&M University;
he attended Auburn University on a National Defense Education
Act Graduate Fellowship where he earned a master's degree and
doctoral degree; he worked as a research scientist prior to
returning to Auburn as an assistant professor of agronomy and
soils in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek is an outstanding researcher and
instructor of both undergraduate and graduate courses,
specializing in soil classification and clay mineralogy; his
teams have won unprecedented successive national championships
in Intercollegiate Soils Judging Competitions in 1978, 1979,
and 1980; his team won the national championship again in

1 1986, and he served as a volunteer assistant for the team that
2 won the championship in 2003; and

3 WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Hajek has received
4 honors including the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
5 Director's Research Award and election as a Fellow of Soil
6 Science Society of America; although he retired from Auburn
7 University in 1995 as Professor Emeritus in Agronomy and
8 Soils, he continues to provide services to the College of
9 Agriculture and to Alabama's agriculture and forestry
10 industries; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek and his wife, Rosalie, reside in
12 Auburn and have four sons and three grandchildren; in 2008,
13 his sons established the Dr. Ben F. Hajek Endowed Scholarship
14 in the College of Agriculture in his honor; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Hajek has cultivated an indelible
16 legacy of excellence that is an enormous source of credit to
17 the agricultural industry and the entire State of Alabama; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Benjamin R. Hajek is honored
21 and commended, and it is directed that a copy of this
22 resolution shall be presented to him in highest tribute.

