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7 England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy,
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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
19 RFD:
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING MR. JAMES O. HELMS, JR., ON
4 HIS SELECTION FOR THE ALABAMA AGRICULTURE PIONEER AWARD.
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6 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to
7 posthumously honor Mr. James O. Helms, Jr., on his selection
8 for the Alabama Agriculture Pioneer Award; and

9 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Helms earned
10 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication
11 and exceptional abilities and enriched countless lives through
12 his passion for agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished career
14 in agriculture, he taught vocational agriculture to the
15 veterans of Coffee County, Alabama, oversaw the Alabama
16 Polytechnic Institute's North Auburn Teaching Farm, served
17 tractor dealers throughout the Southeast and used his
18 expertise as an agricultural engineer to help farmers during
19 his employment with the Ford Motor Company's Tractor Division
20 in Atlanta, Georgia, served the Birmingham Ford Tractor
21 Company, and owned and operated the lucrative Helms and Sons
22 Tractor Company; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Helms' extensive record of excellence
24 includes his service as President of the Agribusiness Advisory
25 Committee and acceptance of the Community and Economic

1 Development Award presented by the Montgomery County Farmers
2 Service and Welfare Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Helms gained invaluable experience
4 while growing up on the family peanut and row crop farm in
5 Coffee County, Alabama; in 1939, his family was one of the
6 first in the area to purchase a tractor to work their
7 operation; with much grit and determination, Mr. Helms drove
8 the tractor from the Helms' farm to the local U.S. Navy
9 recruiting office and signed up to serve in World War II
10 taking a break from his studies at Alabama Polytechnic
11 Institute; he went on to serve a tour in the South Pacific and
12 complete officer candidate school; after his service, he
13 returned to Auburn to complete his degree in agricultural
14 engineering in 1948; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Helms and his beloved and devoted wife
16 of 61 years had three children, Jim, Dick, and Jane; he passed
17 away in 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Helms' significant contributions to the
19 rewarding field of agriculture are a tremendous source of
20 credit to the entire State of Alabama; his legacy will remain
21 an inspiration for years to come; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. James O. Helms, Jr., is
24 posthumously honored and commended, and this resolution is
25 offered to his family in highest tribute to his legacy.

