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HJR___ HONORING MR. HOLLIS ISBELL FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE 2024 AUBURN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE HALL OF HONOR.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein extended to Mr. Hollis Isbell for being inducted into the 2024 Auburn University College of Agriculture Hall of Honor in the Production Category; and

WHEREAS, in December 1984, the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association approved a resolution to establish the Alabama Agriculture Hall of Honor with a sole purpose to bestow honor and recognition upon living Alabamians who have made significant contributions to the state's agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell is a third generation row-crop farmer from Colbert County, Alabama; he has a passion for growing cotton and is known for being an innovator in technology and implementing the latest equipment to manage his family farm, Isbell Farms; he was a pioneer in the use of irrigation on row crops and was integral in the oversight and establishment of the Spring Valley Gin; his ideas and practices are admired across North Alabama and the entire Cotton Belt, earning him the annual Cotton Achievement Award in 2002, as selected by Cotton Grower Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell has the outstanding ability to



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29 build consensus among his peers to assure a successful
30 outcome; his poised leadership was a major factor in
31 expansion of the boll weevil eradication program through the
32 final areas of Alabama, including the Tennessee Valley; he
33 worked tirelessly to persuade growers of the significant
34 benefits of the program and encourage them to vote in favor
35 of the required referendum; arguably, this program, which
36 was highly debated, has proven to be the most significant
37 biological advancement in Alabama agriculture in the past
38 century; and,

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Isbell is known for his strong work
40 ethic that he has passed down to his children and
41 grandchildren; Isbell Farms, now managed by the second and
42 third generations, is the largest farm in Colbert County;
43 and

44 WHEREAS, even with Mr. Isbell'S rich and innovative
45 history of contributing to agriculture, his vision has
46 always been to look to the future with a desire to increase
47 production while also continuing to be a good steward of
48 God's land; and

49 WHEREAS, Hollis Isbell served as Chairman of the
50 American Cotton Producers of the National Cotton Council in
51 2001, President of Southern Cotton Growers, a member of
52 Cotton Incorporated Board of Directors, Chairman of the
53 Cotton Commission, Chairman of the ALFA State Cotton
54 Committee, a member on the Colbert County Alabama Farmers
55 Federation Board of Directors, and as a Deacon at Woodward
56 Avenue Baptist Church, where he also served on the Pastoral



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57 Search Committee; and

58 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
59 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Hollis Isbell is highly
60 commended for being a distinguished man of unwavering
61 integrity and an inspiration to many in his community and
62 beyond; we heartily congratulate him for being inducted into
63 the 2024 Auburn University College of Agriculture Hall of
64 Honor, and this resolution is offered to him in deepest
65 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes
66 for all future endeavors.