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8 COMMENDING THE THOMAS B. NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN  
9 GULF SHORES, ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 extending commendations and congratulations to the Thomas B.  
13 Norton Public Library in Gulf Shores, Alabama, on the  
14 outstanding achievement of receiving national recognition for  
15 exemplary service; and

16 WHEREAS, the Library was recognized with a Four-Star  
17 Rating in the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service  
18 2009, Round 2, an increase from the previous Two-Star ranking;  
19 only the top 258 libraries of 7,268 nationwide received either  
20 three, four, or five stars; the Thomas B. Norton Public  
21 Library was one of only 12 libraries in the southeast to make  
22 the prestigious list; and

23 WHEREAS, the ratings are based on four per capita  
24 statistics: visits, circulation, program attendance, and  
25 public Internet use; much of the continuing success and growth  
26 of the Thomas B. Norton Public Library can be attributed to  
27 the support of the community, bolstered by the library's

1 outreach programming with a wide array of opportunities for  
2 people to learn and to enjoy themselves; and

3 WHEREAS, credit for the library's exceptional record  
4 is due to the dedicated staff members, who possess  
5 unparalleled levels of skill, integrity, and professional  
6 commitment, under the inspirational and able leadership of  
7 Director Wendy Congiardo; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Thomas B. Norton Public  
10 Library in Gulf Shores, Alabama, is honored and commended on  
11 attaining well-deserved national recognition as a Four-Star  
12 Library, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute and  
13 deepest appreciation to all those responsible for this notable  
14 accomplishment, along with best wishes for the future.