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8                   COMMEMORATING MR. JAMES SMART COLLINS UPON HIS  
9 SELECTION FOR THE PIONEER AWARD BY THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
10 AGRICULTURAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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12                   WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Mr.  
13 James Smart Collins of Cusseta is posthumously recognized upon  
14 being selected for the Pioneer Award by the Auburn University  
15 Agricultural Alumni Association; and

16                   WHEREAS, in ceremonies on February 13, 2014, Mr.  
17 Collins is being honored for his significant contributions to  
18 Agriculture in the State of Alabama; his influence can be  
19 traced to the early 1930s, when he was a partner in J.S.  
20 Collins Dairy in Montgomery, and continued as a teacher and  
21 mentor to many young people; and

22                   WHEREAS, highly regarded throughout the state, Mr.  
23 Collins established Collins Farm with his father in 1944 and  
24 worked at Roanoke Stockyards from the early 1950s to 2007; he  
25 also served the cattle industry as a Prolix feed dealer  
26 beginning in 1967 and founded Collins Feed Service; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Collins took care and pride in what he  
2 produced; he was a dairyman from 1930 until 1944 and a  
3 cattleman from 1944 to 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, when he was not working his cattle farm, he  
5 spent much of his free time involved in Alabama's Agriculture  
6 community, serving as president of the Alabama Angus  
7 Association, Chambers County Farmers Federation, Chambers  
8 County Extension Council, and Chambers County Cattlemen's  
9 Association; he was also Chair of ALFA Farmers Federation Beef  
10 Commodity Committee, and he was dedicated to helping develop  
11 and promote the cattle industry and Alabama Agribusiness  
12 through support of these organizations; and

13           WHEREAS, a devoted family man, he was married to Era  
14 Clair Collins and had three children, five grandchildren, and  
15 11 great-grandchildren; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Collins put considerable time and  
17 effort into a "teaching hands" approach to future generations  
18 through Auburn University, a relationship spanning six  
19 decades; since 1973, more than three dozen Auburn University  
20 students learned about cattle farming while working on Collins  
21 Farm; he was a role model who never accepted mediocrity from  
22 his interns and students because he always gave his best;  
23 through the years, he earned respect for his exceptional  
24 abilities and unwavering commitment; now therefore,

25           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. James Smart Collins is  
27 hereby posthumously commended for his many accomplishments and

1 contributions to agriculture, and this resolution is offered  
2 in recognition of his well-deserved selection for the 2014  
3 Pioneer Award by the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni  
4 Association.