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3 By Representative Hubbard
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8 POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING WALTER LISTON CORCORAN,
9 SR., ON HIS SELECTION FOR THE ALABAMA AGRICULTURE PIONEER
10 AWARD.

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12 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to
13 posthumously recognize Walter Liston "Sonny" Corcoran, Sr., on
14 his selection for the Alabama Agriculture Pioneer Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Corcoran was born June 7, 1932, in
16 Eufaula, Alabama; while he was a teenager, his family began
17 farming in the area on about 800 acres; he graduated from
18 Eufaula High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Auburn
19 University in 1954; a year later, he married his beloved and
20 devoted wife, Ann, to whom he was married just one month short
21 of 50 years; and

22 WHEREAS, the fruit of Mr. Corcoran's magnanimous
23 efforts are evident today at Corcoran Farms, a diversified
24 row-crop and livestock enterprise, and Backyard Orchards, a
25 fruit and vegetable operation that offers educational programs
26 for students from kindergarten through college; his inspiring

1 legacy will continue to shape the agricultural industry and
2 its up and coming leaders for years to come; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Corcoran was a pioneer of the Boll
4 Weevil Eradication Program in Alabama; he served as a Director
5 of both Southern Cotton Growers and Cotton Incorporated, as a
6 member of the Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation
7 and the Alabama Cotton Commission, a delegate to the National
8 Cotton Council, as a member of the Alabama Farmers Federation
9 Cotton Committee, a Director of the Alabama Peanut Producers
10 Association, a member of the Alabama Peanut Producer's
11 Executive Committee, the Peanut Administration Standards Board
12 for USDA, and the National Peanut Growers Group; in addition,
13 he was affiliated with the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and
14 the Barbour County Agri Business and Development Association,
15 District Supervisor for the Barbour County Soil and Water
16 Conservation District, and as a Barbour County Commission
17 member; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Corcoran was a man of God who
19 demonstrated unwavering faith and incredible leadership; with
20 a servant's heart, he served as deacon and treasurer in his
21 church and as a tireless advocate for local education and
22 government; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Corcoran passed away in February 2005;
24 survivors include his wife; two sons, Walt and Tom Corcoran;
25 two daughters, Susan Haney and Cindy Clark; 11 grandchildren;
26 and eight great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Corcoran cultivated an indelible legacy
2 of excellence that is an enormous source of credit to the
3 agricultural industry and the entire State of Alabama; now
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Walter Liston Corcoran, Sr.,
7 is posthumously honored and commended, and it is directed that
8 a copy of this resolution shall be presented to his family in
9 highest tribute to his memory.