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3 By Representative Hurst
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8 COMMENDING JOHNNY PONDER ON BEING NAMED 2013 CITIZEN
9 OF THE YEAR BY THE TALLADEGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
12 recognize Johnny Ponder on being selected 2013 Citizen of the
13 Year by the Talladega Chamber of Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, a 1967 graduate of Munford High School, he
15 continues his active involvement with education in Munford and
16 the surrounding area; he was elected to the Talladega County
17 Board of Education in 1994 and currently serves as District 3
18 Board Member representing northeast Talladega County; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Ponder attended Gadsden State Community
20 College and Jacksonville State University; he served with
21 honor and distinction in the Alabama Army National Guard from
22 1969 until 1977 and was employed by Georgia Pacific from 1974
23 until 2008 as a procurement forester; and

24 WHEREAS, among his well-deserved recognitions, he
25 was nominated for the Helene Mosley Environmental Award in
26 tribute to his dedication to the conservation and management
27 of forestry in Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, he has been a member of Munford United
2 Methodist Church since 1961; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ponder and his wife, Debbie, have
4 resided in Munford since their marriage in 1971; they have two
5 sons, one daughter, three granddaughters, and two grandsons;
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7 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect
8 for his exceptional abilities and tireless dedication to the
9 community, the school system, and the conservation of
10 Alabama's forests, and he is truly deserving of the
11 significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Johnny Ponder is hereby most
14 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
15 with heartiest congratulations on being named 2013 Citizen of
16 the Year by the Talladega Chamber of Commerce, along with best
17 wishes in future endeavors.