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3 By Representative Newton (C)
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8 HONORING ERIC OBIE CATES, JR., ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that
11 Eric Obie Cates, Jr., is recognized on the momentous occasion
12 of his 95th Birthday; and

13 WHEREAS, born on May 28, 1918, in Butler County,
14 Alabama, Mr. Cates has led a rich life, dedicated to his
15 family, his faith, and his fellowman; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates has been married to Louise
17 Braswell Cates for 68 years and they have four children, Linda
18 (Ted) Roquemore, Jean (Larry) Blackmon, Ann (John) Boutwell,
19 and Eric III (Anne) Cates; there are 11 grandchildren and 16
20 great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates taught Sunday School classes at
22 the Fort Deposit United Methodist Church for 50 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates has taken advantage of his good
24 health and his keen mind to be an active leader in his many
25 pursuits throughout his 95 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates is a veteran of World War II and
2 the Korean War and served for 36 years in the Alabama National
3 Guard, attaining the rank of Colonel; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates served two terms (1974-1982) in
5 the Alabama House of Representatives, where he was admired and
6 respected by colleagues and appreciated by constituents; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates' professional career includes
8 actively farming, a bank director for 45 years, executive
9 director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation
10 Service, and five years working for the Alabama Bankers
11 Association; in addition, at the age of 80, he established the
12 Cates Development LLC, a residential development project; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates has actively held membership in
14 the American Legion, Greenville Kiwanis Club, Searcy Volunteer
15 Fire Department, Butler County Historical and Genealogical
16 Society, Butler County Farmers Federation, and Alabama
17 Cattleman's Association; and

18 WHEREAS, since 1959, Mr. Cates has enjoyed the
19 fellowship and longtime friendship of members of the
20 Greenville Downtown Coffee Club; and

21 WHEREAS, a 95th Birthday is a significant milestone
22 that represents many memories and much wisdom gained and is a
23 cause for great rejoicing; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Eric Obie Cates, Jr., is most
26 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is presented

1 to him in deepest appreciation of his many accomplishments
2 along with sincere best wishes for continued blessings.