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3 By Senator Mitchell  
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5 First Read: 11-MAR-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR108,

5 RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BENJAMIN RUSSELL  
6 WOOD.

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8 WHEREAS, we note with great appreciation the many  
9 accomplishments of Mr. Benjamin Russell Wood of Autaugaville;  
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11 WHEREAS, born December 31, 1924, to Charles Francis  
12 and Elizabeth Jones Wood, Mr. Wood graduated from Hicks  
13 Memorial School in 1943; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was drafted into the United States  
15 Army shortly after his graduation, completing his training in  
16 Combat Engineers; he served in the European Theater of World  
17 War II, with a unit that built pontoon and other bridges; and

18 WHEREAS, returning home from his honorable service  
19 in 1946, Mr. Wood earned his B.S. degree in Agriculture  
20 Science from Auburn University in 1950 and went on to teach  
21 the art of agriculture to returning veterans; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood returned to his family farm, which  
23 eventually grew to over 800 acres; Wood Farms, which has been  
24 farmed continuously by Mr. Woods' family for over 130 years,  
25 was named an Alabama Century and Heritage Farm in 2009; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Wood and his wife, Catherine Wilkerson  
2 Wood, have three children, Catherine L. Wood (Charles) Cowart,  
3 MD, Elizabeth Rebecca (Carroll) Hopkins, and Rusty Wood; and  
4 seven grandchildren, Chris Cowart, Catherine Cowart, Celia  
5 Cowart, Rebecca Hopkins, Laura Hopkins, Ben Hopkins, and David  
6 Hopkins; Mr. Rusty Wood is the current proprietor of Wood  
7 Farms; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Wood is widely renowned as a leader in  
9 the agriculture community; he has been honored by numerous  
10 organizations for his outstanding contributions to his field;  
11 now therefore,

12           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the many  
14 accomplishments of Mr. Benjamin Russell Wood of Autaugaville  
15 and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our heartfelt  
16 gratitude for his service to the State of Alabama and to our  
17 nation.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 11-MAR-10  
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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