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3 By Representatives Faust, Gaston, Sessions, Shiver, Baker,
4 McMillan and Davis
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 10-SEP-15

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8 RECOGNIZING DARRELYN J. BENDER.

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10 WHEREAS, Darrelyn Bender served as President and CEO
11 of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce for 18 years and
12 exceptionally represented the business communities of Daphne,
13 Fairhope, and Spanish Fort in this capacity; under her
14 leadership, the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce achieved
15 three star national accreditation for a total of 15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, during this time, she also represented
17 Eastern Shore businesses and built relationships while serving
18 as an officer and board member for numerous organizations
19 including the Economic Development Alliance of Alabama, the
20 State Board of Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, and the
21 Alabama Tourism Council; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition, Darrelyn Bender served as
23 Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama
24 Executive Board of Directors for one year and as a member for
25 eight years; notably, she was instrumental in developing the
26 alliance between the Business Council of Alabama and CCAA and

1 was recognized for her service in this capacity by the
2 Business Council of Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, Darrelyn Bender was a founding member of
4 many organizations including Coastal Alabama Partnership, a
5 regional planning group that develops a beneficial alliance
6 between Mobile and Baldwin Counties; Impact 100 Baldwin
7 County, which benefits the non-profits of Baldwin County;
8 Southcoast USA, which works with tourism professionals hailing
9 from New Orleans to the beaches of South Walton and markets
10 the Eastern Shore as an equal part of the Gulf Coast with
11 "coopeition;" and the Baldwin County Housing Authority, which
12 works to offer affordable housing solutions; and

13 WHEREAS, Darrelyn Bender worked with business
14 organizations from the Gulf Coast to form the Gulf Coast
15 Alliance for Economic and Environmental Resilience, a group
16 committed to keeping businesses strong across the region
17 impacted by the oil spill; and

18 WHEREAS, locally, Darrelyn Bender has served on the
19 boards of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance,
20 the Baldwin County Public Transit Coalition, the City of
21 Spanish Fort Board of Adjustments, the Blakely Historic Park
22 Foundation, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, and the
23 Business Resource Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2014, Darrelyn Bender received the Jamie
25 Wallace Award from the Chamber of Commerce Association of
26 Alabama in recognition of her outstanding service to the State

1 of Alabama and for her unwavering commitment to excellence in
2 serving the community; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That, by copy of this resolution,
5 Darrelyn Bender is highly honored and commended for her
6 remarkable service to Baldwin County, the communities of
7 Daphne, Fairhope, and Spanish Fort, and the entire State of
8 Alabama.