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3 By Representatives Sells, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,  
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy, Brown,  
5 Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse,  
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,  
7 Ellis, England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,  
8 Fridy, Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes,  
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Hollis, Holmes (A), Holmes (M),  
10 Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R),  
11 Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn,  
12 Martin, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican,  
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Pettus,  
14 Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Reynolds, Rich, Rogers, Rowe,  
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge,  
16 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton  
17 (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW),  
18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood  
19 RFD:  
20 First Read: 28-MAR-18

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8 COMMENDING ERIC O. CATES, Jr., FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Eric O. Cates, Jr., for outstanding professional  
13 achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, Eric O. Cates, Jr., was born and reared on  
15 the family farm in Butler County in 1946; and

16 WHEREAS, a graduate of Greenville High School, he  
17 served in the Army National Guard for six years in the  
18 Aleutian Islands and Philippines; a combat veteran of both  
19 World War II and the Korean War, Mr. Cates spent 35 years in  
20 the service before retiring as a colonel in 1975; and

21 WHEREAS, professionally, he served 16 years as  
22 county director of the Agricultural Stabilization and  
23 Conservation Service (ASCS), now known as the Farm Service  
24 Agency; in 1974, he was elected to the first of two terms in  
25 the Alabama House of Representatives; during his time in the  
26 Legislature, Mr. Cates sponsored numerous bills, including  
27 cosponsorship of the legislation that established the state's

1 current-use property tax valuation, a huge help to farmers;  
2 and he was director of a local bank for 24 years before  
3 retiring at age 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates has been a statewide agricultural  
5 leader for decades; since 1960, he has been a member of the  
6 Butler County board of the Alabama Farmers Federation and has  
7 held state-level leadership positions in the Alabama  
8 Cattlemen's Association and the association of ASCS agents  
9 known as ALACO; he is also a member of the Alabama 4-H Hall of  
10 Fame and was appointed by former Governor Guy Hunt to the  
11 state's Agricultural Advisory Board; and

12 WHEREAS, an active member of Fort Deposit Methodist  
13 Church since 1946, Mr. Cates taught Sunday School for 30  
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Eric O. Cates, Jr.,  
16 has earned widespread admiration and respect for his tireless  
17 dedication and exceptional abilities, and he is truly  
18 deserving of special commendation; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Eric O. Cates, Jr., is  
21 highly honored and commended and this resolution is offered to  
22 him in highest tribute, as well as in deepest admiration and  
23 appreciation for his immeasurable service to our state and  
24 with best wishes for continued success in all future  
25 endeavors.