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3 By Representative Hubbard  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE IMPACT OF THE AUBURN  
9 UNIVERSITY AVIATION CENTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS FLIGHT  
10 SCHOOL ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, Auburn University has provided aviation  
13 management and aerospace engineering degrees for well over 80  
14 years, flight education training programs for nearly 75 years  
15 and is recognized as one of the nation's premier  
16 aviation/aerospace education universities; and

17 WHEREAS, through its educational programs, Auburn  
18 University has educated and developed numerous accomplished  
19 pilots and astronauts and has awarded aviation and aerospace  
20 and related engineering degrees that have supported economic  
21 development workforces to industries worldwide; and

22 WHEREAS, there exists a demand and a critical need  
23 for flight and safety education training in the emerging  
24 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) field for research and  
25 workforce development in the advancement and application of  
26 this cutting edge technology; and

1           WHEREAS, Auburn University has recognized the  
2           significance of this need and petitioned and received Federal  
3           Aviation Administration approval for the 333 exemption on  
4           April 8, 2015, at 10:00 p.m. central time, positioning Auburn  
5           University as the first public or private entity in the  
6           country to receive such authorization; and

7           WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration  
8           exemption allows the Auburn University Aviation Center  
9           authorization to conduct outdoor and untethered commercial UAS  
10          flight training to students, faculty, public and private  
11          entities, as well as the general public; and

12          WHEREAS, the University's expanded capacity will  
13          continue and enhance its historical reputation for delivering  
14          quality educational programs in aviation, flight, and  
15          aerospace for nearly a century; now therefore,

16          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Auburn University is highly  
18          honored and commended on its initiative and leadership in  
19          positioning the State of Alabama in the forefront of the newly  
20          emerging UAS frontier and hereby recognized for the dramatic  
21          impact the Auburn University Aviation Center Unmanned Aircraft  
22          Flight School will have in workforce development for  
23          industries such as agriculture, engineering, building science,  
24          and retail and wholesale product delivery in both the state  
25          and nation.

1                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
2           resolution shall be provided to the Auburn University Aviation  
3           Center for appropriate display.