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5 By: Senator Higginbothom

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 ENDORSING THE RENAMING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
10 ARKANSAS DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE COTTON BRANCH
11 EXPERIMENTAL STATION IN MARIANNA AS THE LON MANN
12 COTTON RESEARCH STATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
13 ARKANSAS DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 ENDORSING THE NAMING OF THE LON MANN
17 COTTON RESEARCH STATION OF THE
18 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS DIVISION OF
19 AGRICULTURE.

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22 WHEREAS, Lon Mann was a third generation ginner and farmer in Lee
23 County, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, and a recognized national
24 leader in the cotton industry; and

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26 WHEREAS, Lon Mann was inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of
27 Fame; was instrumental in the creation of Cotton, Incorporated; was president
28 of the National Cotton Council of America; was president of the National
29 Cotton Ginners Association; was president of Agricenter International; was
30 the recipient of the 2000 Horace Hayden Cotton Ginner of the Year Award in
31 recognition of outstanding leadership to the U.S. cotton industry, superior
32 customer service, and civic contributions; was president of the Mid-South
33 Ginners Council, the forerunner of the Southern Ginners Association; was
34 president of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas; served on the Board of
35 both the Cotton Board and the Cotton Foundation; was the recipient of the
36 University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Cotton Achievement



1 award; and was the recipient of the National Cotton Council Harry Baker
2 Award; and

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4 WHEREAS, Lon Mann was very civic-minded, having been a charter member
5 of the Arkansas State Council on Economic Education; served as chairman of
6 the board of Methodist Healthcare Systems at Memphis, in various capacities
7 within the Marianna First United Methodist Church; as president of the
8 Marianna-Lee County school board; as president of the Marianna-Lee County
9 Chamber of Commerce; and as president of the Marianna Rotary Club; and

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11 WHEREAS, Lon Mann was known as an innovator and a man of vision who
12 valued education, research, and professional involvement, and who was
13 concerned for his fellow man; and

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15 WHEREAS, Lon Mann was a strong supporter of the University of Arkansas
16 Division of Agriculture Cotton Branch Experimental Station in Marianna
17 established by Act 755 of the General Assembly in 1923; and

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19 WHEREAS, Lon Mann passed away on December 5, 2003, leaving a legacy of
20 service to mankind and advocacy for education, discovery, and innovation,

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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
24 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of
27 Arkansas endorses the decision by the University of Arkansas Board of
28 Trustees to honor the memory and achievements of Lon Mann by renaming the
29 University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cotton Branch Experimental
30 Station in Marianna as the Lon Mann Cotton Research Station of the University
31 of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

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