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Hon. R.H. Walker,
Athens Democrat,
Athens, Ala.

Dear Sir:-


I have followed with a great deal of interest newspaper comments on the forthcoming race for the House Speakership in which you are considered a formidable contender. Without knowing you personally, I am intensely interested in your progress in view of your being an important part of the Alabama publishing fraternity.

I have taken the liberty to talk with the representative-designate of this county--- Mr. J.B. Goolsby, whom I am to serve as his secretary during the coming legislative session. I recommended you highly to Mr. Goolsby as a speakership candidate and asked his support. I explained to him that I knew you only by reputation but that reports from the last State Senate and from North Alabama indicate that you are fully capable to handle the arduous duties of Speaker. He gave me his assurance that he would not pledge his support to any other candidate until after he had talked with you. That conversation transpired some weeks ago and I have seen Mr. Goolsby but once since, that being when we appeared on a speaking program together last Saturday at which time I had no opportunity to feel him out further.

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I would suggest that you let me know when you/be down to Montgomery. I will arrange to get with Mr. Goolsby and run up to the capital city to confer with you. I am keenly interested in Mr. Goolsby's welfare because he is our representative and I his secretary for the legislature and I am interested in seeing any Alabama publisher go high in the world of politics and statesmanship. I therefore, would like to see you as speaker of the House and Mr. Goolsby one of your rabid supporters.

Assuring you of my continued good wishes for success in the race, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Ed E. Reid