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3 By Representative Morrow
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF RICK HALL.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
11 death on January 2, 2018, of Mr. Rick Hall of Muscle Shoals,
12 Alabama, at the age of 85 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
14 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
15 where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, born Roe Erister Hall in the Freedom Hills
17 community in Franklin County, Mr. Hall became a major player
18 in the recording industry in the 1960s; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was the cofounder of Florence
20 Alabama Music Enterprises, or FAME Records, in Florence; he
21 took sole ownership of the publishing company in 1960 and
22 moved it to Muscle Shoals; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall produced music for prominent
24 artists including Wilson Pickett, Aretha Franklin, Clarence
25 Carter, Etta James, Candi Staton, the Osmonds, Mac Davis, Paul
26 Anka, and Bobbie Gentry; and

1 WHEREAS, one of the centerpieces on his desk was a
2 photo of his high school agriculture teacher, Grover Morrow,
3 the father of Rep. Johnny Mack Morrow; on the photo Mr. Hall
4 wrote, "To the man who believed in me and my music when nobody
5 did"; and

6 WHEREAS, Morrow's father gave Hall his first musical
7 instrument, a mandolin, which he played on many occasions on
8 Mr. Morrow's front porch; and

9 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father,
10 Herman Marcie Hall; mother, Dollie Hall Sanford; brothers,
11 H.M. Hall, Terry Ray Hall, and James Melvin Hall; and sister,
12 Wetha Wenoka McMurray; and

13 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife, Linda
14 Hall; sons, G. Rick Hall (Cindy), Mark Hall (Jessica), and
15 Rodney Hall; five grandchildren, Rebecca, Mary Elizabeth,
16 Jackson, Sara, and Samuel; brothers, Terry Hall and Larry
17 Hall; sister, Betty Bedford; and his special lifetime friend
18 and first cousin, Rosa Lee Bolton Cantrell; and

19 WHEREAS, although his presence will be missed, the
20 memory of Mr. Hall will be cherished in the hearts of all who
21 knew and loved him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Rick Hall is
24 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in
25 tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to his family,
26 whose grief is shared by many.