

1 HJR480
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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 01-APR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMEMORATING SAMMY LOWE FOR OUTSTANDING
4 CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUSIC.
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6 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to honor the life and
7 contributions of Sammy Lowe (1918-1993), a native of
8 Birmingham who earned international acclaim for his music; and

9 WHEREAS, Sammy Lowe was a trumpeter, composer,
10 arranger, and conductor who was active both in jazz and R and
11 B music, most notably in the 1950s and 1960s but also in later
12 decades; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1978, he was selected one of the Charter
14 Members of the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, born into a musically gifted family, he
16 first learned to play the trumpet when he was eight years old
17 and attending Lincoln Grammar School, where he was a member of
18 the school band, a prelude to his membership in the Industrial
19 High School Band; and

20 WHEREAS, in his youth, Sammy Lowe set his heart on
21 playing professional baseball but music was his destiny; among
22 his well-deserved accolades, he was designated "the best
23 arranger in the business" by Al Hirt; he also worked with
24 Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Sammy Davis, Jr., the Isley
25 Brothers, Della Reese, James Brown, and many others; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years, Sammy Lowe's megahits
2 numbered 703, including such well-known titles as "The Lion
3 Sleeps Tonight" and "I've Got a Right To Cry" and "Prisoner of
4 Love"; and

5 WHEREAS, the legacy of Sammy Lowe is an Alabama
6 treasure, and he is truly worthy of special recognition; now
7 therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Sammy Lowe is hereby most
10 highly honored and commended, and it is directed that a copy
11 of this resolution of tribute be provided to his family as
12 evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the people of
13 his home state of Alabama.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 02-APR-14.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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