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3 By Representative Hurst
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 06-APR-22

RECOGNIZING THE MUSCOGEE REYICEPES FESTIVAL.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the Reyicepes Festival, hosted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which will be held in Oxford, Alabama, on April 8 and 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee Nation is a self-governed Native American tribe located in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; the Muscogee Nation is the fourth largest tribe in the United States, with 86,100 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee people were forced out of their homelands in Alabama and Georgia; the area of Oxford, Alabama, was the home of the Arbeka Tribal Town; and

WHEREAS, "Reyicepes" meaning "We Have Come Back," will serve as a homecoming for the Muscogee people, a reminder that the Muscogee Nation is thriving, and a celebration of the history and existence of the Muscogee people; and

WHEREAS, the festival is set to take place at Choccolocco Park and is free and open to the public; and

1 WHEREAS, during Reyicepes Festival, there will be
2 numerous programs and activities for young and old, including,
3 Muscogee storytelling, hymn singing, arts and crafts vendors,
4 history presentations, meet and greets with Muscogee tribal
5 leadership, live painting by Muscogee artists, and more; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a pleasure and
9 privilege to recognize the Reyicepes Festival in Oxford,
10 Alabama, on April 8 and 9, 2022, and, by copy of this
11 resolution for appropriate display, we extend the highest
12 honor and commendations to this outstanding Alabama event
13 along with best wishes for continuing success far into the
14 future.