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8 RECOGNIZING JUNE 2015 AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC  
9 APPRECIATION MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, music has influenced society, cultural  
12 norms, and the course of history since the beginning of time;  
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14 WHEREAS, music has served as a voice for the  
15 oppressed, inspired imperative social change, destroyed  
16 barriers, limitations, and harmful stereotypes, and has fueled  
17 colossal movements; and

18 WHEREAS, nectar for the mind and soul, music has  
19 soothed, energized, focused, and uplifted many while  
20 expressing the emotions of various groups of people and  
21 speaking for whole generations; and

22 WHEREAS, music has encouraged peaceful relations  
23 among all and has served as a strong bond that has connected  
24 individuals worldwide; and

1           WHEREAS, African-American musicians have ingeniously  
2 and passionately shaped various music genres and helped  
3 develop the American sound; and

4           WHEREAS, African-American musicians have defined  
5 eras and advocated social justice for all through their  
6 phenomenal instrumental and vocal gifts; and

7           WHEREAS, on June 7, 1979, President Jimmy Carter  
8 designated the month of June as Black Music Month; in 2009,  
9 President Barack Obama renamed the holiday African-American  
10 Music Appreciation Month; now therefore,

11           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we pay highest tribute to the  
13 countless African-American musicians who have enriched society  
14 through their remarkable craft, and we recognize June 2015 as  
15 African-American Music Appreciation Month.