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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF RICK HALL.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, one of the centerpieces on his desk was a photo of his high school agriculture teacher, Grover Morrow, the father of Rep. Johnny Mack Morrow; on the photo Mr. Hall

1 wrote, "To the man who believed in me and my music when nobody
2 did"; and

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

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

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

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

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

