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3 By Representatives Morrow, Black and Greer  
4 RFD: Rules  
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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 Picket, 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.