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3 By Senator Dixon
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4 ENROLLED, SJR69,

5 COMMENDING THOMAS HINDS FOR 27 YEARS OF CONDUCTING
6 THE MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.
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8 WHEREAS, one score and seven years ago, Thomas Hinds
9 brought to the City of Montgomery a new aspiration, dedicated
10 to the proposition that the State of Alabama deserved the
11 finest quality of musical performance available to audiences
12 anywhere on the continent; and

13 WHEREAS, Maestro Hinds became Music Director and
14 Conductor of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra in 1983 and
15 provided the inspirational leadership which transformed the
16 group into a professional ensemble that has brought joy to
17 thousands of appreciative listeners; and

18 WHEREAS, his education began in North Carolina,
19 where he was a National Merit Scholar in high school, followed
20 by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from the
21 University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1970; from
22 1972-1982, he was a professional bassoonist with the Alabama
23 Symphony, and he taught bassoon at The University of Alabama
24 from 1972-1974 and at Samford University from 1974-1976; and

1 WHEREAS, Maestro Hinds received his training as a
2 professional conductor in acclaimed venues, including the
3 Aspen Music Festival, the Boris Goldovsky Opera Institute, the
4 Pierre Monteux Domaine School under the direction of Charles
5 Bruck, the American Conductors' Guild Institute, and the
6 Munich Philharmonic Conductors' Course under the direction of
7 Sergiu Celibidache, where he was one of only 12 selected from
8 the 140 participants to conduct the Munich Philharmonic; and

9 WHEREAS, he was Music Director and Conductor with
10 the Johnson City Tennessee Symphony from 1982-1984 and Music
11 Director and Conductor of the Gadsden Symphony Orchestra,
12 1992-2001; in addition, he has guest-conducted the Red
13 Mountain Chamber Orchestra in Birmingham, the Fort Worth Texas
14 Civic Orchestra, the Birmingham Opera, the Southern Regional
15 Opera Company, the Birmingham Metropolitan Orchestra, the
16 Birmingham Creative Dance Group, and the Brisbane Australia
17 Conservatory Orchestra; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1990, Maestro Hinds was recognized for
19 his early work with the Montgomery Symphony when he received a
20 Music Fellowship from the Alabama State Council on the Arts,
21 and he also received statewide recognition in May 2007 when he
22 was awarded one of four Governor's Arts Awards from the
23 Alabama State Council of the Arts; and

24 WHEREAS, Maestro Hinds is exceptionally talented and
25 energetic, with a remarkable ability to inspire other

1 musicians to reach their full potential; music pervades his
2 life, and he is married to Katerina Juraskova, a professional
3 cellist; and

4 WHEREAS, since his arrival in Montgomery, Maestro
5 Hinds has been a celebrated ambassador of music in the central
6 Alabama area and beyond; under his baton, the Montgomery
7 Symphony Orchestra has far exceeded the expectations of a
8 community orchestra, and the music lovers of Montgomery now
9 trumpet his praise wherever they travel, assuring everyone
10 they meet that Montgomery, Alabama, has a symphony orchestra
11 unsurpassed anywhere in the nation; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Thomas Hinds is honored and
14 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
15 and deepest appreciation to him in recognition of 27
16 illustrious years as Music Director and Conductor of the
17 Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, along with best wishes in all
18 future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 23-FEB-10

By: Senator Dixon