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8 COMMENDING BILLY REID ON WINNING GQ MAGAZINE'S 3RD  
9 ANNUAL BEST NEW MENSWEAR DESIGNERS IN AMERICA PROJECT.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with great pride that Billy Reid of  
12 Florence has won GQ Magazine's 3rd Annual Best New Designers  
13 in America project; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Reid, a native of Amite, Louisiana,  
15 attended Southeastern Louisiana University and the Art  
16 Institute of Dallas, where he studied fashion design and  
17 merchandising; in 1995, he founded his own fashion design and  
18 marketing company; Mr. Reid launched his first collection in  
19 1998; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Reid is the recipient of the 2001  
21 Council of Fashion Designer's Award; he relocated to North  
22 Alabama following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,  
23 and opened his first store in Florence; Mr. Reid owns stores  
24 throughout the southern United States and in New York City;  
25 the New York store has been voted Best Men's Store by New York  
26 Magazine; and

1               WHEREAS, Mr. Reid was recognized by GQ for his  
2               mastery of the use of common fabrics such as tweed, plaid, and  
3               denim, as well as his subtle but striking ability to make  
4               minor alterations to familiar designs with spectacular effect;  
5               now therefore,

6               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
7               THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby congratulate Billy  
8               Reid on winning GQ Magazine's Best New Menswear Designers in  
9               America project and, by copy of this resolution, extend our  
10              heartfelt best wishes for his future endeavors.