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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.