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8 COMMENDING THE ART FORM OF JAZZ AND RECOGNIZING JAZZ
9 APPRECIATION MONTH.
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11 WHEREAS, Jazz is an Original American Art Form that
12 affirms the noblest aspirations of our national character,
13 individual discipline, perseverance, and innovation; and

14 WHEREAS, the Smithsonian Institute Museum launched
15 Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) in 2001 as an annual event that
16 pays tribute to Jazz both as a historic and living American
17 Art Form; and

18 WHEREAS, in celebrating JAM, the Museum joins with a
19 diverse group of organizations such as Youth Empowered for
20 Success, the Alabama School of Math and Science, the Mobile
21 Arts Council, Legacy 166, and the Alabama State Council on the
22 Arts that have come together in organizing programs and
23 outreach of their own, such as "JazzIn' the Schools" in
24 Mobile, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Jazz has produced some of America's leading
26 creative artists and ranks as one of America's greatest
27 exports to the world; and

1 WHEREAS, Jazz has inspired dancers, choreographers,
2 poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers, and
3 musicians in many other kinds of music; and

4 WHEREAS, Arts Education, along with an appreciation
5 for the contributions of all American art forms, is
6 fundamental to the people of the State of Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, America's Jazz heritage deserves to be
8 appreciated as broadly as possible and should be part of the
9 education of both America's children and America's adults; and

10 WHEREAS, Jazz has spoken eloquently of freedom for
11 people in the United States and abroad, and has become an
12 international language that bridges differences and brings
13 together people of all races, ages, and backgrounds; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take pride and pleasure in
17 commending the Original American Art Form of Jazz, and by copy
18 of this resolution, we recognize the month of April as Jazz
19 Appreciation Month.