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3 By Representative Gipson  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE LATE WILSON PICKETT FOR HIS  
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ART OF MUSIC.  
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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and special pleasure in  
12 extending highest commendation to one of the influential  
13 leaders and pioneers of rock and roll music, Mr. Wilson  
14 Pickett; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickett is a native of Prattville,  
16 Alabama, and was reared singing gospel music in local  
17 churches; upon moving to Detroit as a teenager, he began to  
18 blend gospel style with rhythm and blues, resulting in some of  
19 "the deepest, funkier soul music" to come from the Deep  
20 South; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Pickett began working with  
22 musicians in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and it was there that he  
23 cut some of his biggest hits, including "Land of a Thousand  
24 Dances," "Mustang Sally," and "Funky Broadway"; during his  
25 career, he made more than 200 recordings, 50 of which made the  
26 rhythm and blues and pop charts; he was called "The Wicked

1       Pickett" because of his uninhibited style, raw energy, and  
2       distinctive sound; and

3               WHEREAS, Mr. Pickett was inducted into the Rock and  
4       Roll Hall of Fame in 1991 and passed away on January 19, 2006,  
5       and the age of 64; and

6               WHEREAS, Alabama was well served by this  
7       extraordinary citizen who was a major figure in the  
8       development of American soul music and positioned this State  
9       at the forefront of the music world with his inimitable style;  
10       now therefore,

11              BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATOR WENDELL MITCHELL AND  
12       REPRESENTATIVE MAC GIPSON AND THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his  
14       contributions to music and to the State of Alabama, Mr. Wilson  
15       Pickett is hereby honored and commended and that this  
16       resolution is offered to his family in highest tribute and  
17       deepest gratitude.