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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 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his
13 contributions to music and to the State of Alabama, Mr. Wilson
14 Pickett is hereby honored and commended and that this
15 resolution is offered to his family in highest tribute and
16 deepest gratitude.