

1 HJR612
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3 By Representative Gipson
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 11-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE LATE WILSON PICKETT FOR HIS
4 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ART OF MUSIC.

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6 WHEREAS, we take great pride and special pleasure in
7 extending highest commendation to one of the influential
8 leaders and pioneers of rock and roll music, Mr. Wilson
9 Pickett; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickett is a native of Prattville,
11 Alabama, and was reared singing gospel music in local
12 churches; upon moving to Detroit as a teenager, he began to
13 blend gospel style with rhythm and blues, resulting in some of
14 "the deepest, funkiest soul music" to come from the Deep
15 South; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Pickett began working with
17 musicians in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and it was there that he
18 cut some of his biggest hits, including "Land of a Thousand
19 Dances," "Mustang Sally," and "Funky Broadway"; during his
20 career, he made more than 200 recordings, 50 of which made the
21 rhythm and blues and pop charts; he was called "The Wicked
22 Pickett" because of his uninhibited style, raw energy, and
23 distinctive sound; and

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 23-MAR-10.

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Senate

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