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3 By Senators Dixon, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield, Bishop,  
4 Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Dunn, Erwin, Figures, French, Glover,  
5 Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh, Means,  
6 Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,  
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and Waggoner  
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8 CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE BOBBY DENTON ON THE  
9 OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME.  
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11 WHEREAS, it with the greatest pride and admiration  
12 that we recognize the induction of our friend, colleague, and  
13 Dean of the Alabama Senate, Senator Bobby Denton, into the  
14 Alabama Music Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of Cherokee, Alabama, Senator  
16 Denton's talent as a singer and guitarist manifested itself at  
17 a very young age and he began performing in person and on the  
18 airwaves throughout his home region in North Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1956, Senator Denton recorded "A Fallen  
20 Star" in Florence, Alabama; this led to the first commercial  
21 release of a single by the Muscle Shoals music industry, which  
22 would go on to become a revered institution across the various  
23 disciplines of American popular music; and

24 WHEREAS, following a long hiatus from the music  
25 industry that allowed him the time to become one of the most  
26 accomplished statesmen ever to walk the halls of this august

1 body, Senator Denton returned to his gospel roots and has  
2 provided countless hours of enjoyment to music fans throughout  
3 the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Denton's record of political,  
5 professional, and artistic achievement is unique among his  
6 colleagues in both the music industry and the political arena;  
7 we are honored by the opportunity to recognize him for his  
8 leadership and creativity; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with appreciation and  
11 gratitude we hereby congratulate Senator Bobby Denton on the  
12 occasion of his induction into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame  
13 and that this resolution be delivered to him as a memento of  
14 this special celebration.