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3 By Representative Knight
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8 CONGRATULATING DEAN TOMMIE H. STEWART AND THE
9 ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride in extending
12 commendations and congratulations to Dr. Tommie H. Stewart,
13 Dean of the Alabama State University College of Visual and
14 Performing Arts, on the outstanding achievement of receiving
15 accreditation from the National Association of Schools of
16 Theatre (NAST); and

17 WHEREAS, NAST is the national accrediting agency for
18 theatre and theatre-related disciplines, comprising more than
19 160 schools primarily at the collegiate level; and

20 WHEREAS, of the 86 applicants from major colleges
21 and universities in 2010, ASU was one of only eight to receive
22 full five-year accreditation from NAST, a well-deserved
23 affirmation that the school's curriculum and record meet the
24 highest standards; ASU is now one of five Historically Black
25 Colleges and Universities with an accredited theatre program;
26 and

1 WHEREAS, under Dr. Stewart's capable leadership, the
2 ASU theatre department had long been nationally recognized for
3 superior quality and for producing outstanding graduates who
4 went on to successful careers; the new accreditation provides
5 additional advantages to the students enrolled in theatre arts
6 as well as enhancing the stature of ASU, which had already
7 received many accolades for excellence and professionalism;
8 now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama State
11 University's College of Visual and Performing Arts and Dean
12 Tommie H. Stewart are honored and commended in recognition of
13 achieving full accreditation from the National Association of
14 Schools of Theatre, and this resolution is offered in highest
15 tribute to the university, its staff and students, along with
16 heartiest congratulations and best wishes in all future
17 endeavors.