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3 By Representatives Black and Morrow  
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8 URGING THAT THE ALABAMA YEAR OF MUSIC BE  
9 DISCONTINUED.  
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11 WHEREAS, in 1977, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame  
12 Board was created and established by the Legislature of  
13 Alabama to honor those, living and dead, who, by achievement  
14 or service, have made outstanding and lasting contributions to  
15 music in Alabama or elsewhere; and

16 WHEREAS, on November 23, 1988, Amendment 489, now  
17 appearing as Section 213.35 of Article XI of the Official  
18 Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
19 amended, established the state agency to be known as the  
20 Alabama Music Hall of Fame Authority and the board members  
21 constitute ex officio members of the authority; and

22 WHEREAS, the authority is a public body corporate  
23 with all the powers and privileges of a corporation, with the  
24 authority and power to sell and issue its interest bearing  
25 bonds, which shall be and constitute general obligations of

1 the state, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed  
2 \$2,500,000; and

3 WHEREAS, located in Colbert County, the board may  
4 solicit and accept donations, contributions, and gifts of  
5 money and property, but presently receives no appropriations  
6 from the Legislature of Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, the Alabama Tourism Department campaign for  
8 2011 is the Year of Alabama Music, which kicked off in  
9 January; and

10 WHEREAS, we as a state are reaping the benefits of  
11 music legends from the state and elsewhere, but refuse to fund  
12 this money-making venture, which is the height of hypocrisy;  
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of  
16 Tourism is strongly urged to cease and desist the Alabama Year  
17 of Music 2011 campaign immediately, due to our state's  
18 unwillingness to commit resources to our music heritage.