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8 RECOGNIZING TRAVIS WAMMACK'S SONG, "GOD BLESS  
9 ALABAMA," AS THE OFFICIAL SONG TO COMMEMORATE THE APRIL 27,  
10 2011, TORNADO DISASTER.  
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12 WHEREAS, we proudly recognize Travis Wammack's song,  
13 "God Bless Alabama," for being named the official song to  
14 commemorate the April 27, 2011, tornado disaster, and commend  
15 his donation of the song's sales to the victims of the April  
16 2011 Alabama tornado disasters; and

17 WHEREAS, "God Bless Alabama" touches the hearts of  
18 Alabamians struggling to deal with the tragedy and destruction  
19 caused by the April tornadoes; and

20 WHEREAS, the number of tornadoes that occurred in  
21 April shattered state records; according to the National  
22 Weather Service, 53 tornadoes were confirmed on April 27,  
23 2011, the largest single-day event for tornadoes in Alabama;  
24 the number surpasses the record set only 12 days earlier, on  
25 April 15, when 45 tornadoes occurred in the state; and

1           WHEREAS, the historic number of tornadoes produced  
2           on April 27, 2011, were also historic in their magnitude,  
3           intensity, and path length; and

4           WHEREAS, as a direct consequence of the devastating  
5           tornadoes of April 27, 2011, Alabama citizens and citizens  
6           throughout the United States have displayed an outpouring of  
7           generosity, kindness, and support that is touchingly conveyed  
8           through Wammack's song and that stands as a tribute to the  
9           toughness of Alabamians in the face of hardship; and

10          WHEREAS, a legendary Muscle Shoals guitarist,  
11          songwriter, and music producer, Travis Wammack has performed  
12          with such artists as Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, and  
13          Little Richard; his solo artist career skyrocketed in the 70s  
14          after the release of several albums when he became known as  
15          the fastest guitar player in the South; and

16          WHEREAS, Travis is also a member of the Memphis  
17          Musician Hall of Fame and has received the Professional  
18          Musician Award from the Alabama Music Hall of Fame; now  
19          therefore,

20          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize Travis Wammack's  
22          song, "God Bless Alabama," as the official song to commemorate  
23          the April 27, 2011, tornado disaster in Alabama, and it is  
24          further directed that a copy of this resolution be provided  
25          for appropriate presentation with highest tribute and praise.