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3 By Representatives Williams (D), Ball, Shiver, Johnson (W),
4 Rich, Greer, Long, Butler, Burdine, Henry, Farley, Baughn,
5 Merrill, Roberts, Collins, Patterson, Tuggle, Laird,
6 Sanderford, Hammon, Vance, Moore (B), Williams (P), McMillan,
7 Chesteen, Lee, Brown, Sessions, Buttram, McCutcheon and
8 Nordgren
9 RFD: Rules
10 First Read: 26-FEB-13

8 RECOGNIZING THE TENNESSEE VALLEY OLD TIME FIDDLERS
9 CONVENTION.

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11 WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers
12 Convention is considered "The Granddaddy of Conventions"
13 across the Southeast and is held each year the first weekend
14 in October on the Athens State University campus in Athens,
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, the convention was started nearly 47 years
17 ago and was created to nurture and foster the interest and
18 culture of "old time music" among young and old alike; and

19 WHEREAS, musicians from across the Southeast and the
20 country gather each year to participate in the convention's
21 musical contests; and

22 WHEREAS, because of its popularity, the convention
23 attracts nearly 15,000 people annually to enjoy old time music
24 and has become the largest tourism attraction in Limestone
25 County; and

1 WHEREAS, the convention has grown and established a
2 following of old time music lovers who annually make the
3 convention a part of their travels to enjoy the strains of
4 stringed music under the crisp autumn weather; and

5 WHEREAS, the convention hosts contests that attract
6 talented musicians and performers who believe in continuing
7 the traditions of old time music through the fiddle, guitar,
8 mandolin, dulcimer, harmonica, banjo, old-time singing, and
9 dance; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the long history
12 and tradition of the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers
13 Convention in Athens, Alabama, and recognize the convention as
14 the official home of the following state championships:
15 Harmonica, Bluegrass Banjo, Dulcimer, Old Time Banjo, Classic
16 Old-time Fiddler, Buck Dancing, Mandolin, Dobro, Old-time
17 Singing, Guitar - Finger Picking, Guitar - Flat Picking,
18 Bluegrass Band, and Bluegrass Old-time Band, and it is
19 directed that a copy of this resolution be presented for
20 appropriate display.