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8 COMMEMORATING SAMMY LOWE FOR OUTSTANDING
9 CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUSIC.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to honor the life and
12 contributions of Sammy Lowe (1918-1993), a native of
13 Birmingham who earned international acclaim for his music; and

14 WHEREAS, Sammy Lowe was a trumpeter, composer,
15 arranger, and conductor who was active both in jazz and R and
16 B music, most notably in the 1950s and 1960s but also in later
17 decades; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1978, he was selected one of the Charter
19 Members of the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, born into a musically gifted family, he
21 first learned to play the trumpet when he was eight years old
22 and attending Lincoln Grammar School, where he was a member of
23 the school band, a prelude to his membership in the Industrial
24 High School Band; and

25 WHEREAS, in his youth, Sammy Lowe set his heart on
26 playing professional baseball but music was his destiny; among
27 his well-deserved accolades, he was designated "the best

1 arranger in the business" by Al Hirt; he also worked with
2 Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Sammy Davis, Jr., the Isley
3 Brothers, Della Reese, James Brown, and many others; and

4 WHEREAS, through the years, Sammy Lowe's megahits
5 numbered 703, including such well-known titles as "The Lion
6 Sleeps Tonight" and "I've Got a Right To Cry" and "Prisoner of
7 Love"; and

8 WHEREAS, the legacy of Sammy Lowe is an Alabama
9 treasure, and he is truly worthy of special recognition; now
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Sammy Lowe is hereby most
13 highly honored and commended, and it is directed that a copy
14 of this resolution of tribute be provided to his family as
15 evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the people of
16 his home state of Alabama.