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3 By Representative Rogers
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8 HONORING THE ORIGINAL CALDWELL SINGERS OF SEALE,
9 ALABAMA, FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN THE
10 GOSPEL MUSIC INDUSTRY.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
13 presented to the Original Caldwell Singers of Seale, Alabama,
14 for over 40 years of exceptional service in the Gospel Music
15 Industry and communities within Alabama, Columbus, and
16 surrounding areas; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend John Caldwell and his nine
18 siblings started the gospel group in the late 1960s in rural
19 Russell County; Reverend Caldwell and his sister, Lillie,
20 would lead the group in singing at funerals and special events
21 within their community; and

22 WHEREAS, the Original Caldwell Singers have
23 performed all across the country and recorded numerous gospel
24 songs adhering to a noble vision to serve communities and
25 uplift countless souls; and

26 WHEREAS, the Caldwell siblings grew up in a two room
27 shack and were reared with the help of their grandmother,

1 Sarah Jackson, and uncle, Samuel Jackson; they often sat
2 around the fire not knowing from where their next meal would
3 come; their mother, Alzata, and grandmother taught the
4 children the importance of prayer while singing old hymns and
5 gospel songs; and

6 WHEREAS, the Russell County Commission named Russell
7 County Road 22 in honor of the Original Caldwell Singers as it
8 was the road they lived on while growing up; a new sign was
9 unveiled and they received recognition from across the nation,
10 most notably, from President Barack Obama; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition, a historical marker will be
12 placed on the site of the family's homestead; and

13 WHEREAS, the Original Caldwell Singers' inspiring
14 legacy of giving back through gospel music is a tremendous
15 source of credit to the entire State of Alabama, and the group
16 is truly deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon it;
17 now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Original Caldwell Singers
20 are highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
21 offered to the group in highest tribute, along with sincere
22 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.