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8 COMMENDING BRADLEY WALKER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
9 MUSICAL TALENT.

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11 WHEREAS, Bradley Walker is a singer who has won a  
12 loyal audience and the respect of his peers despite long  
13 odds; he has a strong, rich voice that is a perfect match for  
14 classic-style country and bluegrass, as well as gospel;  
15 although he was born with muscular dystrophy and is unable to  
16 walk, he has refused to allow it to keep him from pursuing his  
17 dreams in his life or his art; and

18 WHEREAS, born in 1978, in Athens, Alabama, he began  
19 singing when he was only three years old, and he grew up on a  
20 steady musical diet of vintage country, bluegrass, and gospel;  
21 he started singing in talent competitions at the age of seven;  
22 when he was 11, he appeared on the TV series Nashville Now,  
23 singing with the Oak Ridge Boys; a year later, he performed  
24 with the Oak Ridge Boys on Jerry Lewis' annual fund-raising  
25 telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

26 WHEREAS, he is employed as a materials analyst at  
27 the Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant, but he continues to

1 follow his passion to make music, joining a bluegrass band  
2 called the Trinity Mountain Boys in 1998, and in 2001,  
3 becoming part of the Georgia-based act Lost Horizon; in 2002,  
4 he made his first appearance on the Grand Ole Opry, performing  
5 with the bluegrass combo IIIrd Tyme Out; in 2006, he landed a  
6 record deal with Rounder Records, and released his debut  
7 album, *Highway of Dreams*, which included guest appearances  
8 by Vince Gill, Rhonda Vincent, Rob Ickes, Ron Block, and Larry  
9 Cordle; the album earned strong reviews, and in 2007, Bradley  
10 Walker was named Male Vocalist of the Year at the  
11 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2015, he signed with the Gaither Music  
13 Group label; in 2016, his album, *Call Me Old-Fashioned*, was  
14 released; the album debuted at number nine on the Billboard  
15 Top Country Albums chart; in 2017, he released *Blessed: Hymns*  
16 and *Songs of Faith*, featuring guest appearances by Vince  
17 Gill, Rhonda Vincent, and Ricky Skaggs; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pride and  
20 pleasure commanding and congratulating Bradley Walker upon his  
21 success as a musician and by copy of this resolution we extend  
22 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.