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3 By Representatives Allen, Sorrells, Marques, Clouse, Lee,
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COMMENDING ALABAMA ARTIST, MR. FRED NALL HOLLIS.

WHEREAS, we proudly extend highest commendations to Alabama artist, Mr. Fred Nall Hollis, who is known internationally as Nall; he is a native of Troy, Alabama, who has gained worldwide fame as an artist working in varied media throughout his distinguished career; he has studios based in Vence, France, and Fairhope, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis has brought recognition to his home state through organizing the Alabama Art Exhibit, highlighting 13 artists with different areas of expertise; he produced a portrait of each of the artists, displayed with the individual's art work; the resulting book, "Alabama Art", is now permanently housed in the Mobile Museum of Art; he was also honored with major regional awards for his book; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis has served as artist-in-residence at his alma mater, The University of Alabama, and Troy University; the Fred Nall Hollis Gallery is a permanent fixture in the International Art Center at Troy University, which also displays the famed Violetta Pax Dove

1 statue, a version of which is also displayed at the Pisa
2 International Airport in Italy; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis' work has also been showcased at
4 the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, as well as in
5 Pietrasanta, Italy; he has worked extensively with the
6 Retirement Systems of Alabama at the Grand Hotel in Point
7 Clear, the Battle House Hotel in Mobile, Ross Bridge Hotel in
8 Birmingham, Shoals Creek Hotel in Muscle Shoals, and other RSA
9 properties for which he has selected "Alabama Art" to be
10 showcased so that visitors to Alabama may see the state's rich
11 artistic heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, he will be recognized by the City of Troy,
13 Alabama, which has proclaimed a day in his honor on May 7,
14 2019; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Fred Nall Hollis is
17 honored and commended for his internationally renowned talent,
18 and for his tireless advocacy and support of the fine arts in
19 the State of Alabama; a copy of this resolution is presented
20 as evidence of our appreciation and esteem.