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8 RECOGNIZING THE CAPTAIN ROLAND WALKER REEF IN THE
9 GULF OF MEXICO.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12 Captain Roland Walker is recognized for his lifelong service
13 and support of the fisheries and charter boat industries in
14 the State of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Walker was a lifelong Charter Boat
16 Captain who began operating a charter boat at 18 years of age
17 and who maintained a Charter Boat Captain's License for 65
18 years; furthermore, he was a charter member of the Orange
19 Beach Fishing Association who worked tirelessly to help
20 educate the public on the importance of the sportfishing
21 industry and the need for increased habitats; and

22 WHEREAS, Captain Walker was instrumental in
23 pioneering the concept of placing artificial reefs in
24 Alabama's coastal waters, where many years ago he began
25 building the reefs for habitats for several species of fish,
26 including snapper and grouper, which showed the Alabama
27 Department of Conservation the effectiveness of the artificial

reefs; Captain Walker then assisted the state with the placement of and planning for many more artificial reefs; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, under its Marine Resources Division, continues to create and place artificial reefs in our state coastal waters; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the many contributions and the legacy of Captain Roland Walker by naming a newly placed artificial reef in Alabama's coastal waters the Captain Roland Walker Reef, in honor of his many years of dedicated service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Captain Roland Walker is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to his family so that they may know of our recognition for his lifelong service and support of the coastal waters of the State of Alabama.