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2 F9VPCCC-1  
3 By Representative Sellers  
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4 HR \_\_\_ RECOGNIZING JOSIAH BENSON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MUSICAL  
5 THEATER ACHIEVEMENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, the Alabama House of Representatives values  
8 and celebrates the achievements of its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Josiah Benson, son of Dedrick and Felicia  
10 Benson, has been engaged in musical theater since the age of  
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12 WHEREAS, Josiah, a previous student of Helena Middle  
13 School, in 2022, received two Outstanding Student Awards in  
14 English and Choir, became an A-honor roll student, peer  
15 helper, and choir member; and

16 WHEREAS, he played the role of "Sebastian" in Little  
17 Mermaid Disney Jr. at the Virginia Samford Theater from July  
18 through August 2021; he also played the role of "Captain" in  
19 Little Madagascar Jr. from October through November 2022; at  
20 the Jefferson County Academy of Theater and Dance, he played  
21 "Gavroche" from May through June 2023 with the high school  
22 students at Shades Valley High School; and

23 WHEREAS, Josiah has recently been traveling on the  
24 1st National Tour playing the lead role of "Little Michael  
25 Jackson" in the Broadway show called "MJ the Musical"; when  
26 needed, he also played the role "Little Marlon Jackson"; and

27 WHEREAS, Josiah has performed in over 300 shows to an  
28 audience of now over 1.2 million since August 2023 and is a

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29 proud member of the Actors' Equity Association; now  
30 therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
32 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama House of  
33 Representatives does hereby recognize and honor Josiah  
34 Benson for his musical theater accomplishments.

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