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4 HR \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY FUTURE FARMERS OF  
5 AMERICA STRING BAND.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with great honor that we recognize and  
8 celebrate the Lauderdale County Future Farmers of America  
9 (FFA) String Band, a talented country and bluegrass trio  
10 composed of Conner McMeans, Ty McMeans, and Titus Thornton;  
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12 WHEREAS, blending classic Southern roots with  
13 youthful energy, the group's signature sound features the  
14 banjo, acoustic guitar, and bass guitar, performed with a  
15 heartfelt authenticity that reflects their agricultural  
16 heritage and small-town pride; and

17 WHEREAS, the three musicians first met in an  
18 agriculture class in middle school, where their shared  
19 passion for music and FFA began to take shape; over the past  
20 five years, they have grown together as artists and  
21 performers, captivating audiences across Alabama and beyond;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, each member brings a unique background to  
24 the band; Titus Thornton is deeply rooted in a traditional  
25 row crop and cattle operation, while brothers Conner and Ty  
26 McMeans come from a nontraditional agricultural background;  
27 the McMeans brothers operate their own landscaping business  
28 and are avid outdoorsmen, embodying the spirit of

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29 entrepreneurship and hard work that the FFA represents; and

30 WHEREAS, Conner first picked up the banjo at the age  
31 of nine, inspired by one of his teachers who played the  
32 instrument; Titus discovered his own love for the guitar and  
33 singing around the same time and learned to play bass while  
34 in the FFA; Ty followed soon after, learning to fiddle at  
35 the age of seven and learning to play guitar four years  
36 later; their musical journey has led to countless  
37 performances over the years, each one strengthening their  
38 bond and refining their sound; and

39 WHEREAS, beyond their musical success, all three  
40 members are highly active in the FFA, serving as chapter  
41 officers and competing in a variety of career and leadership  
42 development events; together, they have represented the  
43 Lauderdale County FFA in contests such as tractor driving,  
44 livestock evaluation, and land evaluation, demonstrating  
45 their broad agricultural knowledge and leadership both in  
46 and out of the spotlight; their involvement showcases the  
47 well-rounded spirit of today's FFA members as students who  
48 balance artistic talent with hands-on agricultural skills  
49 and community leadership; and

50 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Lauderdale County FFA String  
51 Band made history by being named the National FFA Talent  
52 Contest Champions; this was the first band ever to win the  
53 title and the first act from the State of Alabama to take  
54 home the national honor; this achievement not only  
55 celebrates the band's musical excellence but also stands as  
56 a testament to the values of dedication, teamwork, and



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57      passion that define both the musicians and their FFA  
58      journey; now therefore,

59            BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
60    LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That this body wishes to reflect  
61    upon and celebrate the invaluable contributions of the  
62    Lauderdale County Future Farmers of America String Band, and  
63    we further extend congratulations to its talented members,  
64    Conner McMeans, Ty McMeans, and Titus Thornton.