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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GREGORY DEWAYNE JOHNSON AND
9 DEDICATING A FUND-RAISER FOR THE HOMELESS IN HIS HONOR.

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11 WHEREAS, Gregory DeWayne Johnson was born April 19,
12 1980, and died tragically on October 14, 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, during the brief span of his life, he was
14 well-known for his generosity and compassion as well as for
15 his God-given talent; and

16 WHEREAS, in his honor, an annual fund-raising picnic
17 is held during his birthday month of April; and

18 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2010, the fund-raiser will be
19 dedicated to the homeless; donations will be collected along
20 with various useful items to be distributed to those in need;
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was well-known by his artist's
23 name, Bama Gee; he was a gifted musician who had published a
24 CD and had performed at West End Day; and

25 WHEREAS, among those assisting with the fund-raiser
26 are his brothers, Gabriel D. Johnson and Mario S. Johnson, and

1 his loving mother, Pamela S. Johnson; the family honors his
2 memory by giving back to the community; and

3 WHEREAS, he gave his life to Christ at an early age
4 and was baptized and united in fellowship with the Peace
5 Baptist Church, Riley; a graduate of West End High School
6 Class of 1998, he attended Stillman College, where he was a
7 member of the Tigers Marching Band; he was employed as a
8 railroad engineer and conductor for CSX Railroad and was a
9 member of New Beginning Lodge #970; and

10 WHEREAS, although Mr. Johnson's presence is greatly
11 missed by those who were privileged to know him, his memory is
12 treasured and his legacy of service to others endures through
13 the annual celebration that is dedicated to the least
14 advantaged among us; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Gregory DeWayne
17 Johnson is celebrated, and by copy of this resolution, highest
18 tribute is extended to him and to those who keep his memory
19 alive through the fund-raising picnic for the benefit of the
20 homeless.