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8 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA RENAISSANCE FAIRE IN FLORENCE
9 ON ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein extended to the Alabama Renaissance Faire in Florence
13 on the occasion of celebrating its Silver Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, in October 1987, the first Renaissance
15 Month was observed in Florence, Alabama, culminating in a
16 two-day Renaissance Faire, an event so favorably received and
17 so successful as to be accorded the Pride of the Shoals Award;
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19 WHEREAS, through the years, the Alabama Renaissance
20 Faire has flourished and developed into a major tourist
21 attraction that has been named one of the top 20 events in the
22 southeast by the Southeast Tourist Society in Atlanta; and

23 WHEREAS, held in Wilson Park, which is renamed
24 Fountain-on-the Green for the Faire, the event draws 35,000 to
25 40,000 people each year to its site in downtown Florence on
26 the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October; and

1 WHEREAS, as the Faire has grown, so have the other
2 events which surround it during the Renaissance Month of
3 October; among the annual events are musical programs, public
4 lectures, dramatic performances, art exhibits, and dance
5 programs, all of the highest quality; and

6 WHEREAS, one of the major events is an authentic
7 Medieval/Renaissance Feast, held in a baronial hall and
8 featuring food, costumes, and entertainment appropriate to the
9 Renaissance era; and

10 WHEREAS, the planners of the Faire also find
11 creative ways to incorporate the observance into the schools
12 with such programs as art exhibits, sonnet-writing contests,
13 and poster-design competition; and

14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the official Alabama
15 Renaissance Faire be located in Florence, Alabama, which was
16 named for Florence, Italy, the founding city of the
17 Renaissance movement in Europe during the 14th Century; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pleasure in
21 extending highest commendations and heartiest congratulations
22 to the Alabama Renaissance Faire in Florence on the momentous
23 occasion of celebrating its Silver Anniversary in October
24 2011.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
26 resolution be provided for appropriate presentation and
27 display, along with best wishes for the continuing success of

1 this outstanding event that is the source of justifiable pride
2 to the City of Florence and the entire State of Alabama.