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8 RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF REAGAN PARK.

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10 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2012, Reagan Park will be
11 dedicated in honor of Mr. Billy "Rip" Reagan, beloved leader
12 of youth as well as talented musician and performer; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan is a renowned composer and
14 arranger who is widely admired as an innovator and visionary;
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16 WHEREAS, as Director of the Emma Sansom High School
17 Rebel Band for 22 years, he compiled an outstanding record of
18 accomplishments: three VFW National Championships, 1957-1958,
19 and 1959; three Greatest Band in Dixie Championships, 1963,
20 1965, and 1967; two Dogwood Arts Festival Marching and Concert
21 Championships, 1968 and 1969; and Superior Concert
22 Performances for 21 consecutive years in State High School
23 Competition; and

24 WHEREAS, his additional honors and achievements
25 include: Conductor of the Dixie American Youth Band European
26 Tours, 1969 and 1970; cofounder of the Mid South Marching Band
27 Festival; named one of the Top 10 Directors of the United

1 States by Instrumentalist Magazine in 1963; and inducted into
2 the Band Directors Hall of Fame; Mr. Reagan also served as
3 Director of the Gadsden State Community College Show Band for
4 more than 25 years and is highly esteemed as a judge of
5 concert and marching band festivals throughout the south; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a great pleasure to
9 commend Mr. Billy "Rip" Reagan most highly in recognition of
10 the Dedication of Reagan Park in his honor, and it is directed
11 that a copy of this resolution be provided for appropriate
12 presentation, as evidence of the admiration and appreciation
13 of the people of the State of Alabama.