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3 By Representatives Boyd, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn,  
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bracy, Bridges, Brown,  
5 Burdine, Buskey, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clouse,  
6 Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake,  
7 England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston, Givan,  
8 Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,  
9 Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison,  
10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight,  
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Poole,  
15 Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,  
16 Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,  
17 Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J),  
18 Williams (P), Wood and Wren  
19 RFD:  
20 First Read: 14-FEB-13

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8 COMMENDING RAY REACH.

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10 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
11 Ray Reach in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments  
12 and his appearance as a featured performer on the occasion of  
13 celebrating Alpha Kappa Alpha day on February 21, 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Ray Reach is an internationally renowned  
15 pianist, vocalist, and educator who serves as Director of  
16 Student Jazz Programs for the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame; in  
17 addition, he is an accomplished guitarist, arranger, composer,  
18 conductor, and music producer in a variety of genre; and

19 WHEREAS, Ray Reach began piano lessons at age six in  
20 his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, and later studied at the  
21 Birmingham Conservatory of Music; he attended  
22 Birmingham-Southern College, the University of Montevallo, and  
23 The University of Alabama, where he directed the award-winning  
24 Jazz Ensemble B; among his well-deserved honors, he was  
25 awarded the Raymond Hubbell Musical Scholarship for his  
26 contributions to jazz and popular music in America; and

1                   WHEREAS, Ray Reach has been an active jazz educator  
2 since the early 1970s, teaching at numerous colleges and is  
3 also a faculty member of the W.C. Handy Jazz Camp and is  
4 greatly admired as a featured performer at the W.C. Handy  
5 Music Festival; his talent is instrumental in the success of  
6 the extraordinary musical tribute to the legendary Paul  
7 Robeson; now therefore,

8                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and  
10 pleasure in commending Ray Reach, and this resolution is  
11 offered in admiration and appreciation to him on the occasion  
12 of his featured appearance during the 2013 celebration of  
13 Alpha Kappa Alpha Day.