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8 COMMENDING LEGENDARY MUSICIAN SPOONER OLDHAM ON HIS  
9 INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
12 are herein proudly presented to legendary musician Spooner  
13 Oldham of Center Star, Alabama, on his induction into the  
14 Alabama Music Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, Spooner embarked upon his distinguished  
16 music career as a member of Rick Hall's house band at FAME  
17 Recording Studios in Muscle Shoals and as a session player for  
18 Quin Ivy at Norala Recording Studio, where he contributed his  
19 signature keyboard playing to a number of hit recordings; and

20 WHEREAS, in the early 70s, he released his album,  
21 Potluck, and through the years, his songs have been  
22 consistently recorded by renowned artists such as Janis  
23 Joplin, The Box Tops, James and Bobby Purify, and Shirley  
24 Caesar; and

25 WHEREAS, Spooner is known for his exceptional song  
26 writing ability, as well as for his extraordinary soulful

1 keyboards; notably, he has collaborated with fellow  
2 songwriters, Hal Newman, John Prine, and Dan Penn; and

3 WHEREAS, he has been a party to many a record's  
4 Grammy nomination, and his keyboard work with Bob Dylan is  
5 epic; he has been a dynamic force in Neil Young's band for  
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, his accolades have included induction into  
8 the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April 2009 and induction  
9 into the Musicians Hall of Fame in Nashville in October 2008;  
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11 WHEREAS, additional highlights of his career have  
12 included appearing on Cat Power's Jukebox, appearing and  
13 touring with the Drive By Truckers on Brighter than Creations  
14 Dark, playing on Bettye Levette's The Scene of the Crime; and

15 WHEREAS, today, he continues to shine as a  
16 songwriter, producer, and all-around "road warrior"; and

17 WHEREAS, Spooner Oldham's contributions have  
18 reflected immense honor upon the music industry, and his  
19 achievements have served as a source of tremendous credit upon  
20 the entire State of Alabama; he is truly deserving of the  
21 significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That legendary musician Spooner  
24 Oldham is highly honored and commended for his induction into  
25 the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, and this resolution is offered  
26 to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with

1 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
2 endeavors.