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3 By Representatives Bracy, Buskey and Clarke  
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8 COMMENDING DENNIS NELSON FOR OUTSTANDING LIFETIME  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Dennis "Finger Roll" Nelson for outstanding  
13 lifetime achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of the Maysville Community of  
15 Mobile, Alabama, Mr. Nelson graduated from Williamson High  
16 School in 1975; and

17 WHEREAS, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where  
18 he pursued a career in the music production industry; his main  
19 interest was playing the guitar; while in LA, he worked with  
20 the Temptations; in addition to LA, he worked in Atlanta,  
21 Georgia, during his distinguished 30-year tenure in the field;  
22 during his time in Atlanta, he produced and directed a TV  
23 program entitled, "Living in the Fast Lane;" and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson returned to Mobile after the  
25 death of his mother at which time he became a member of Saint  
26 Joseph Baptist Church on Broad Street; later, he played at the  
27 funeral of his cousin, Maurice Thomas, at Toulminville-Warren

1 Street United Methodist Church; very impressed with the  
2 friendliness of the ministers and membership, he began  
3 attending the church and later joined; and

4 WHEREAS, he remains a faithful and devoted member of  
5 Toulminville-Warren Street United Methodist Church, where he  
6 is extremely active with the music ministry, the Good  
7 Samaritans, and the United Methodist Men; under his direction,  
8 the Church held an exceptional Christmas Musical, entitled "O  
9 Come Let Us Adore Him," a Christmas Extravaganza; the  
10 magnanimous effort was the first of its kind in the church  
11 community and a successful endeavor in raising funds for the  
12 church; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson is always willing and ready to  
14 serve the Lord and the congregation, and he greets work in the  
15 church with a smile; and

16 WHEREAS, he has a continuing invitation to play on  
17 the Jazz Stage at Bayfest in October in Mobile; he is involved  
18 in a scholarship, which is sponsored by promoters of Bayfest,  
19 for students in Mobile and surrounding areas; he is a valued  
20 member of the community who helps gifted individuals take  
21 their special talents further; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson has played at weddings and other  
23 private engagements including the 70th Anniversary of the  
24 Mobile Beacon; and

25 WHEREAS, he well deserves the praise bestowed upon  
26 him and through the grace of God; "the best is yet to come";  
27 and

1                   WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Nelson has earned  
2                   immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional  
3                   abilities, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;  
4                   now therefore,

5                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
6                   THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dennis Nelson is highly  
7                   honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
8                   in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
9                   best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.