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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.