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3 By Representatives Rogers and Moore (M)
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8 COMMENDING NORMAN B. WOODING FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
9 CAREER AS A GOSPEL SINGER.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are hereby extended
12 to Norman B. Wooding, who was born in Rosedale, Alabama, on
13 November 28, 1923, to a singing family; his father was the
14 founder of the McMillan Gospel Singers that same year; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Wooding was one of five children; he
16 began working in the Ishkooda Ore Mine during World War II,
17 and in 1943 he married Annie Catherine Jones; together they
18 had seven children; and

19 WHEREAS, at the age of twelve in 1935, Mr. Wooding
20 began his singing career when he joined the McMillan Juniors;
21 he later sang with the Willing Workers Gospel Group, the
22 Marian Anderson Choral Ensemble, the Kelley Choral Singers,
23 the McMillan Jubilee singers, the Birmingham Traveleers, The
24 Moments of Meditation Singers, and the Pillars of Birmingham;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Mr. Wooding appeared
27 on WJLD-AM radio in Bessemer and made several recordings at

1 the Sound of Birmingham Studios; he has been on the radio for
2 over 60 years, first hosting the Stallworth and Johnson
3 Funeral Home program from 1944 to 1965, and later, hosting the
4 Gospel Unity Hour for over 20 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wooding has been a member of the church
6 since 1932 and is one of its oldest members; he served as
7 Superintendent of Sunday School, a teacher, and a Deacon at
8 Saint John Missionary Baptist Church; he still serves as a
9 Deacon and greeter at the Greater St. John Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, as a foot soldier in the Civil Rights
11 Movement, he volunteered with the Alabama Christian Movement
12 for Human Rights and served as a driver for Reverend Fred
13 Shuttlesworth and as a church guard; and

14 WHEREAS, always doing something positive and
15 productive, Mr. Wooding served as a Block Captain with
16 Neighborhood Watch and as a volunteer crossing guard at
17 Powderly Elementary School; he has received numerous community
18 awards for his selfless service to others; and

19 WHEREAS, a distinguished Alabama resident, Mr.
20 Wooding has worked tirelessly for his community and his
21 church; for his service and his exemplary singing career, Mr.
22 Wooding has earned the respect and admiration of scores of
23 friends who are grateful for his remarkable long life and
24 spirit of generosity; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in tribute to his faithful
27 ministry of gospel singing and service, highest commendations

1 are hereby extended to Norman B. Wooding, for whom a copy of
2 this resolution shall be provided with warm personal regards.