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8 CONGRATULATING THE ALABAMA CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOR
9 ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS IN THIS STATE.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
12 the Alabama Center for the Arts, a collaborative academic
13 effort among Athens State University, Calhoun Community
14 College, the City of Decatur, and Morgan County, in
15 recognition of its outstanding contributions to the arts; and

16 WHEREAS, the 44,000-square-foot facility is located
17 in downtown Decatur across from the Princess Theatre; it
18 represents an investment of more than eight million dollars
19 from Athens State University, Calhoun Community College, the
20 City of Decatur, and Morgan County; and

21 WHEREAS, heralded as a model for institutional
22 cooperation in this state, the center is a venue for college
23 art instruction, community art education, and cultural events
24 and it proudly serves as a catalyst for the region's and
25 state's creative growth and expression; and

26 WHEREAS, college courses taught at the center
27 facilitate the award of Associate and Bachelor's degrees; the

1 diverse instructive class offerings include art appreciation,
2 painting, drawing, computer graphics, sculpture, ceramics, and
3 pottery, as well as a teaching major, satisfying licensure
4 requirements for art instructors; and

5 WHEREAS, non-credit, community education courses are
6 available to the public, with classes designed to reflect the
7 interests of local citizens; instructors at the center include
8 local talent as well as other renowned masters of the arts;
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10 WHEREAS, an additional reflection of its success,
11 the center has now entered into a \$12 million, 38,000 square
12 foot Phase II of its expansion, with the construction of a new
13 facility that will house the theater and music departments;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Alabama is well served by this
16 extraordinary center, which has positioned this state in the
17 forefront of the art world, by its vision and enterprise that
18 transform dreams into reality; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of its
21 immeasurable contributions to art and to our state, the
22 Alabama Center for the Arts is honored and commended, and this
23 resolution is offered in highest tribute and with deepest
24 gratitude.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to fully recognize
26 and feature the numerous exceptional creative artistic talents
27 and benefactors in this state who have profoundly impacted the

1 arts, the center is designated as the host site of the Alabama
2 Center for the Arts Hall of Fame.