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3 By Representative McMillan
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RECOGNIZING THE CAPTAIN ROLAND WALKER REEF IN THE
GULF OF MEXICO.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
Captain Roland Walker is recognized for his lifelong service
and support of the fisheries and charter boat industries in
the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Captain Walker was a lifelong Charter Boat
Captain who began operating a charter boat at 18 years of age
and who maintained a Charter Boat Captain's License for 65
years; furthermore, he was a charter member of the Orange
Beach Fishing Association who worked tirelessly to help
educate the public on the importance of the sportfishing
industry and the need for increased habitats; and

WHEREAS, Captain Walker was instrumental in
pioneering the concept of placing artificial reefs in
Alabama's coastal waters, where many years ago he began
building the reefs for habitats for several species of fish,
including snapper and grouper, which showed the Alabama
Department of Conservation the effectiveness of the artificial

1 reefs; Captain Walker then assisted the state with the
2 placement of and planning for many more artificial reefs; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and
4 Natural Resources, under its Marine Resources Division,
5 continues to create and place artificial reefs in our state
6 coastal waters; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the many
9 contributions and the legacy of Captain Roland Walker by
10 naming a newly placed artificial reef in Alabama's coastal
11 waters the Captain Roland Walker Reef, in honor of his many
12 years of dedicated service; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Captain Roland Walker
14 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
15 offered to his family so that they may know of our recognition
16 for his lifelong service and support of the coastal waters of
17 the State of Alabama.