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SJR___ DESIGNATING AUGUST 8, 2024, AS DAY OF CLOGGING.

WHEREAS, the multifaceted art form of clog dancing is a presentation of the cultural heritage of our nation, reflecting a mixture of European, Native American, and African cultures into an illustration of the American spirit; and

WHEREAS, clog dancing has many forms, including flatfooting, buck dancing, jig dancing, step dancing, square dancing, and power tap; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, clogging has influenced American entertainment, from the front porches of hometown musicians to the stages of the Grand Ole Opry and Broadway, and has been included in numerous film projects; and

WHEREAS, clog dancing is rooted in diversity and is a joyful outlet which provides a source of enjoyment, creativity, and self-expression for Americans as well as cloggers around the world on both the professional and amateur level; and

WHEREAS, August 8 is the anniversary of the passing of William "Bill" Nichols, who made an outstanding contribution to the art of clog dancing on both recreational and competitive platforms throughout its development; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to many individuals across the state who enjoy and find community through clogging, and



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29 we acknowledge the impact of this art form on this day; now
30 therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
32 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That August 8, 2024, is
33 designated as DAY OF CLOGGING in the State of Alabama.