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4 HR___ RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE GOSPEL MUSIC
5 WORKSHOP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
6 58TH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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8 WHEREAS, the Gospel Music Workshop of America,
9 Incorporated, (GMWA) has a rich legacy of celebrating and
10 preserving the heritage of gospel music while fostering
11 community education and spiritual enrichment; and

12 WHEREAS, the GMWA is a Christian organization that
13 convenes annually, where national performers, recording
14 artists, new and inspiring songwriters, educators,
15 liturgical dancers, the young and old, pastors, and others
16 minister to each other and to the needs and directions
17 within the African American religious experience; it has
18 opened its doors to welcome and receive people of different
19 colors, influences, and cultures; and

20 WHEREAS, each year, up to 20,000 delegates assemble
21 for a teaching, learning, and performance-oriented
22 environment; these delegates come with an interest in all
23 styles of Gospel Music and the GMWA's divisions and
24 auxiliaries offer the services that meet their needs; an
25 additional 3,000 to 5,000 local gospel music lovers attend
26 the workshop and musical services during the week; and

27 WHEREAS, on July 13-15, 2025, the GMWA will hold
28 their much-anticipated 58th Annual Convention in Montgomery,



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29 Alabama; and

30 WHEREAS, Alabama's deep-rooted gospel music heritage
31 is woven into the fabric of its cities and communities, and
32 this event serves as a celebration of that legacy; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama, through events like
34 this, continues to showcase its cultural and spiritual
35 diversity on a national stage and shines a spotlight on its
36 rich history and influence in gospel music; now therefore,

37 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
38 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Gospel Music Workshop of
39 America, Incorporated, is most highly commended and honored
40 as they convene in Montgomery, Alabama, and this resolution
41 is offered with deepest admiration, along with sincere best
42 wishes in all future endeavors.