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HR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING JOSIAH BENSON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MUSICAL THEATER ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Alabama House of Representatives values and celebrates the achievements of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Josiah Benson, son of Detric and Felicia Benson, has been engaged in musical theater since the age of 10; and

WHEREAS, Josiah, a previous student of Helena Middle School, in 2022, received two Outstanding Student Awards in English and Choir, became an A-honor roll student, peer helper, and choir member; and

WHEREAS, he played the role of "Sebastian" in Little Mermaid Disney Jr. at the Virginia Samford Theater from July through August 2021; he also played the role of "Captain" in Little Madagascar Jr. from October through November 2022; at the Jefferson County Academy of Theater and Dance, he played "Gavroche" from May through June 2023 with the high school students at Shades Valley High School; and

WHEREAS, Josiah has recently been traveling on the 1st National Tour playing the lead role of "Little Michael Jackson" in the Broadway show called "MJ the Musical"; when needed, he also played the role "Little Marlon Jackson"; and

WHEREAS, Josiah has performed in over 300 shows to an audience of now over 1.2 million since August 2023 and is a



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29 proud member of the Actors' Equity Association; now  
30 therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
32 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama House of  
33 Representatives does hereby recognize and honor Josiah  
34 Benson for his musical theater accomplishments.

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