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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING THE MUSCLE SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM  
UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize the Muscle Shoals High School Band Program as it celebrates its 60th Anniversary, marking six decades of excellence, achievement, and service through music; and

WHEREAS, the Muscle Shoals High School Band Program was organized in 1965 under the leadership of Director Charles R. Stratford, establishing a tradition of outstanding musicianship and performance that continues to thrive today; and

WHEREAS, remarkably, in the 60-year history of the program, there have been only five Head Directors including Charles Stratford, Dexter Greenhaw, Pat Stegall, David Waters, and Jessica Hood; each director has contributed to the sustained success and prestige of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Muscle Shoals High School Band has long represented a high degree of musicianship and continues to serve as a model for band programs throughout the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the band has earned recognition locally, statewide, regionally, nationally, and internationally for its musical achievements, demonstrating the highest standards of excellence; and



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29           WHEREAS, the band has consistently produced student  
30 musicians of exceptional caliber, many of whom have earned  
31 positions in local, state, and national honor ensembles; and

32           WHEREAS, the band has been invited to perform at  
33 numerous state conferences and workshops, further  
34 establishing its reputation as a premier program and a  
35 standard-bearer for others; and

36           WHEREAS, for 60 years, the Muscle Shoals High School  
37 Band Program has provided entertaining and inspiring  
38 halftime performances and concerts at home and throughout  
39 Alabama and the surrounding region; and

40           WHEREAS, while the band's many honors are too  
41 numerous to list, it has received acclaim in competitive  
42 events and festivals throughout its history and continues to  
43 earn accolades each year, including over 30 consecutive  
44 years of superior ratings in concert band, 60 years of  
45 consistent superior ratings in marching band, four  
46 back-to-back Bands of America Class Championships, three  
47 Grand Champion Awards at the Vanderbilt Marching  
48 Invitational, numerous other Grand Champion awards, and  
49 recognition as a four-time Alabama Marching Band Champion;  
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51           WHEREAS, the Muscle Shoals High School Band Program  
52 has inspired generations of student musicians, many of whom  
53 have pursued careers as music educators and professional  
54 performers, including the current Director, Jessica Hood;  
55 now therefore,



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56           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
57   LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we do hereby honor and commend  
58   the Muscle Shoals High School Band Program for 60 years of  
59   extraordinary excellence and achievement, and we extend  
60   sincere congratulations upon the occasion of its 60th  
61   Anniversary.