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SJR\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY FAIR.

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to recognize the Baldwin County Fair on the auspicious occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, established in 1948, the Baldwin County Fair has evolved from a small gathering of local farmers who united to form the Baldwin County Cattle & Fair Association, with the goal of creating a central venue for annual county fairs, community meetings, and agricultural activities, into one of Alabama's oldest and most significant celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the fair was initially held on Palmer Street in Robertsdale, Alabama, on land leased for 99 years; the original buildings served as the fair's home from 1950 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, in February 2008, the fair moved to its current location at the Baldwin County Coliseum and Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, historically, the fair provided a platform for farmers to showcase crops and livestock, and today the tradition continues with more than 1,000 competitive exhibits in categories including horticulture, photography, livestock, and home arts; and



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29           WHEREAS, the annual Baldwin County Fair also affords  
30 an opportunity for local residents to enjoy long-standing  
31 attractions, including the Bo Campbell Rodeo, petting zoos,  
32 antique tractor shows, and various midway rides provided by  
33 Arnold Amusements; and

34           WHEREAS, today, the fair is managed by A.B. "Sonny"  
35 and Melinda Hankins and operated by the Baldwin County  
36 Cattle & Fair Association; Sonny Hankins has been the  
37 manager since 2004, with the association organizing the  
38 event; the Baldwin County Fair is the longest-running fair  
39 in the state; and

40           WHEREAS, Sonny Hankins has attended all 74 previous  
41 fairs and plans to be present to celebrate the 75th  
42 anniversary in September of this year; and

43           WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Fair has become  
44 distinguished as one of Alabama's finest events, and we are  
45 confident that, as it continues to grow and prosper, it will  
46 maintain its unfaltering dedication to advancing the field  
47 of agriculture and providing a gathering place for the  
48 community to enjoy; indeed, the tradition of excellence that  
49 defines the Baldwin County Fair has endured as a hallmark of  
50 this community celebration through the passage of time; now  
51 therefore,

52           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Baldwin  
54 County Fair and salute all those who have made this annual  
55 celebration such a benefit to the area for the past 75  
56 years.