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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING BRADLEY WALKER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
4 MUSICAL TALENT.

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6 WHEREAS, Bradley Walker is a singer who has won a
7 loyal audience and the respect of his peers despite long
8 odds; he has a strong, rich voice that is a perfect match for
9 classic-style country and bluegrass, as well as gospel;
10 although he was born with muscular dystrophy and is unable to
11 walk, he has refused to allow it to keep him from pursuing his
12 dreams in his life or his art; and

13 WHEREAS, born in 1978, in Athens, Alabama, he began
14 singing when he was only three years old, and he grew up on a
15 steady musical diet of vintage country, bluegrass, and gospel;
16 he started singing in talent competitions at the age of seven;
17 when he was 11, he appeared on the TV series Nashville Now,
18 singing with the Oak Ridge Boys; a year later, he performed
19 with the Oak Ridge Boys on Jerry Lewis' annual fund-raising
20 telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

21 WHEREAS, he is employed as a materials analyst at
22 the Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant, but he continues to
23 follow his passion to make music, joining a bluegrass band
24 called the Trinity Mountain Boys in 1998, and in 2001,
25 becoming part of the Georgia-based act Lost Horizon; in 2002,

1 he made his first appearance on the Grand Ole Opry, performing
2 with the bluegrass combo IIIrd Tyme Out; in 2006, he landed a
3 record deal with Rounder Records, and released his debut
4 album, Highway of Dreams, which included guest appearances
5 by Vince Gill, Rhonda Vincent, Rob Ickes, Ron Block, and Larry
6 Cordle; the album earned strong reviews, and in 2007, Bradley
7 Walker was named Male Vocalist of the Year at the
8 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2015, he signed with the Gaither Music
10 Group label; in 2016, his album, Call Me Old-Fashioned, was
11 released; the album debuted at number nine on the Billboard
12 Top Country Albums chart; in 2017, he released Blessed: Hymns
13 and Songs of Faith, featuring guest appearances by Vince
14 Gill, Rhonda Vincent, and Ricky Skaggs; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pride and
17 pleasure commending and congratulating Bradley Walker upon his
18 success as a musician and by copy of this resolution we extend
19 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

