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COMMENDING DRAKE WHITE AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR
NORTHEAST ALABAMA AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, it is a unique privilege to extend highest commendations to one of Alabama's most distinguished citizens, Drake White, on his outstanding career as a songwriter, singer, and entertainer; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hokes Bluff, Alabama, in Etowah County, Drake White has traveled the world as an Ambassador for Northeast Alabama and the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, to listen to Drake White's music is to fully experience the undeniable sound of his soulful voice which has whipped concert audiences across the country into a frenzy as Drake and his band, The Big Fire, raise the roof and summon spirits to life on stage; it is equal parts Baptist tent revival and amped-up southern rock festival; and

WHEREAS, Drake is a son of the South who is steeped in the timeless works of William Faulkner and Mark Twain; he is infatuated with words and trying to arrange them in a way that would make his heroes proud and that would make Alabama

1 proud; while he is committed to remembering and honoring his
2 roots, he is also keeping a clear eye on the future as he
3 relates to his fans and his music; and

4 WHEREAS, on the opening song of his latest project,
5 "PIECES" , "Girl In Pieces", delivers a tropical vibe inspired
6 by Drake's love for Bob Marley's music, but the song's message
7 hits a bit closer to Drake's Alabama hometown; Drake and his
8 wife, Alex, first started dating after she had been through a
9 bad romance; they had known each other for a while, and Drake
10 saw firsthand how that relationship just left her in pieces;
11 he stepped in and was there to help mend her broken heart; and

12 WHEREAS, in the closing song, "The Best is Yet to
13 Come," there is a clear statement of Drake's belief that all
14 the work he is puts into connecting with his fans and
15 perfecting his musical craft is leading to something special;
16 it's all captured in the line, "Trying to stay lost in the
17 moment while we know it's flying past/We're just getting
18 started/It's gonna be a long, long run"; and

19 WHEREAS, through the years, Drake White has earned
20 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication
21 and exceptional abilities, and he is truly deserving of
22 special commendation and praise; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Drake White is highly honored
25 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
26 highest tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for
27 continued success in all future endeavors.

