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3 By Representative Hall
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8 COMMENDING DR. TOLTON C. ROSSER FOR OUTSTANDING
9 CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUSIC.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to honor the music
12 contributions of Dr. Tolton C. Rosser, a highly accomplished
13 Alabamian who has earned international acclaim as a musician,
14 conductor, and educator; and

15 WHEREAS, currently the conductor of the renowned
16 Birmingham Heritage Band, he performed as trumpeter with the
17 iconic Big Bands of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s and has played
18 with premier orchestras through the years; and

19 WHEREAS, born in Birmingham on July 19, 1932, he
20 graduated from Alabama A and M University, where he starred as
21 lead trumpet in the University Band and also organized and
22 directed the Jazz Orchestra; he continued music study under
23 famous teachers and later earned his Ph.D. in Education from
24 The University of Alabama, making a commitment to share his
25 wealth of knowledge with young people, including serving as
26 Adjunct Professor at Miles College; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1982, he was inducted into the Alabama
2 Jazz Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, among his additional well-deserved honors,
4 he was presented the Band Director of the Year Award three
5 times by the Birmingham Grid Forecasters; and

6 WHEREAS, the legacy of Dr. Tolton C. Rosser is an
7 Alabama treasure, and he is truly worthy of special
8 recognition as both a musician and an educator; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Tolton C. Rosser is hereby
11 most highly honored and commended, and it is directed that a
12 copy of this resolution of tribute be provided to him as
13 evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the people of
14 Alabama.