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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING DR. TOLTON C. ROSSER FOR OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUSIC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

