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8	RECOGNIZING THE CAPTAIN ROLAND WALKER REEF IN THE
9	GULF OF MEXICO.
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11	WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12	Captain Roland Walker is recognized for his lifelong service
13	and support of the fisheries and charter boat industries in
14	the State of Alabama; and
15	WHEREAS, Captain Walker was a lifelong Charter Boat
16	Captain who began operating a charter boat at 18 years of age
17	and who maintained a Charter Boat Captain's License for 65
18	years; furthermore, he was a charter member of the Orange
19	Beach Fishing Association who worked tirelessly to help
20	educate the public on the importance of the sportfishing
21	industry and the need for increased habitats; and
22	WHEREAS, Captain Walker was instrumental in
23	pioneering the concept of placing artificial reefs in
24	Alabama's coastal waters, where many years ago he began
25	building the reefs for habitats for several species of fish,
26	including snapper and grouper, which showed the Alabama

Department of Conservation the effectiveness of the artificial

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reefs; Captain Walker then assisted the state with the 1 2 placement of and planning for many more artificial reefs; and WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and 3 Natural Resources, under its Marine Resources Division, 4 5 continues to create and place artificial reefs in our state coastal waters; now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the many contributions and the legacy of Captain Roland Walker by 9 10 naming a newly placed artificial reef in Alabama's coastal waters the Captain Roland Walker Reef, in honor of his many 11 years of dedicated service; and 12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Captain Roland Walker is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is 14 15 offered to his family so that they may know of our recognition

for his lifelong service and support of the coastal waters of

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the State of Alabama.