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3 By Representative Lindsey  
4 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           COMMENDING THE ALABAMA TRAIL COMMISSION ON PROGRESS  
4 ON THE PINHOTI TRAIL AND ENCOURAGING FURTHER STUDY AND  
5 DEVELOPMENT.

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7           WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail is a premier  
8 long-distance hiking trail known throughout the world; the  
9 southernmost portion of the Appalachian Mountains in Alabama  
10 is known as an important part of the trail; and

11           WHEREAS, in 1925, the Appalachian Trail Conference  
12 adopted an overall plan calling for a main Appalachian Trail  
13 running from New Hampshire to north Georgia and for extension  
14 trails into Maine and Alabama; and

15           WHEREAS, the trail extension into Maine was  
16 constructed in the late 1930's and was soon incorporated as a  
17 part of the main Appalachian Trail; and

18           WHEREAS, in 1985, efforts began to link the Pinhoti  
19 Trail to the Appalachian Trail in north Georgia and Alabama;  
20 an ideal extension of the Appalachian Trail, the Pinhoti Trail  
21 consists of 325 breathtaking miles, 171 miles of trail in  
22 Alabama and 154 miles of trail in Georgia; and

23           WHEREAS, the Alabama Trails Commission and the  
24 Pinhoti Trail Partners including: the Alabama Forestry  
25 Commission, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural

1 Resources, State Lands Division, and State Parks Division, the  
2 U.S. Forest Service, The University of Alabama Center for  
3 Economic Development, The Conservation Fund, and the Alabama  
4 Hiking Trail Society, have worked to develop and publicize  
5 this incredible Pinhoti Trail throughout the world; now  
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Trails Commission  
9 and the Pinhoti Trail Partners are commended for their work in  
10 developing and promoting this incredible Alabama landmark as a  
11 part of the world-famous Appalachian Trail.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Trails  
13 Commission and the Pinhoti Trail Partners are encouraged to  
14 study the entire length of the Pinhoti Trail for new  
15 infrastructure needs, develop a design for the new  
16 infrastructure, and coordinate the implementation of the  
17 master plan with the intent to support a future effort to  
18 incorporate the Alabama Pinhoti Trail as a part of the  
19 internationally renowned Appalachian Trail.

