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3 By Representative Taylor
4 RFD: Rules
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COMMENDING HOWARD CROSS, JR., ON SELECTION TO THE
ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard Cross, Jr., has been selected to
the 2010 Class of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cross, a native of New Hope, is one of
the most highly decorated athletes in the history of Madison
County; as a senior at New Hope High School, Mr. Cross was
named All-County and All-State in both basketball and
football; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cross received a football scholarship
from The University of Alabama and went on to a highly
successful college career as a tight end, starting for most of
his four years there; Mr. Cross was named All-Southeastern
Conference as a junior and, as a senior, received the Jacobs
Award as the conference's most outstanding blocker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cross served as president of the
Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The University of Alabama;
in his senior year, he was recognized with the Charley Compton
Award for outstanding Christian leadership; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Cross was drafted into the NFL in 1989
2 by the New York Giants, where he enjoyed a successful 13-year
3 career; he was named to the NFL All-Rookie team in his first
4 year and won a Super Bowl ring in his second; over the course
5 of his career, Mr. Cross amassed 201 receptions for 2,194
6 yards and 17 touchdowns and played in two Super Bowls; and

7 WHEREAS, since his retirement in 2001, Mr. Cross has
8 gone on to a successful career in private business; he and his
9 wife, Pia, have two children, Howard, III, and Isabella; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cross' high school, college, and
11 professional careers, as well as his reputation for high
12 character and leadership, represent all that is best about
13 organized sports and about Alabama and the United States; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily congratulate Mr.
17 Howard Cross, Jr., on his selection to the Alabama Sports Hall
18 of Fame and, by copy of this resolution, extend our sincerest
19 thanks for a job well done and best wishes for all his future
20 endeavors.