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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Cross served as president of the  
25 Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The University of Alabama;  
26 in his senior year, he was recognized with the Charley Compton  
27 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.