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3 By Representatives Ford and Galliher
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA STUDENT ANGLER BASS FISHING
9 ASSOCIATION (ASABFA) AS THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENT
10 BASS FISHING ANGLERS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, thousands of Alabama students throughout
13 the state enjoy and participate regularly in fishing; and

14 WHEREAS, competitive student angler sport fishing is
15 currently developing all over the nation on a formalized basis
16 with the state of Illinois leading the way with over 300 of
17 the state's 785 schools associated with student angler chapter
18 clubs involved in the sport of fishing; and

19 WHEREAS, professional fishing and outdoor
20 organizations such as TBF-FLW Outdoors, Bassmaster, and other
21 organizations have expressed their support for the growth of
22 student angler fishing for students in grades 7-12 as well as
23 at the college level; and

24 WHEREAS, recognizing organized student angler sport
25 fishing would allow thousands of youths, particularly those
26 not interested in traditional sports, the opportunity to

1 compete individually and on chapter club teams in outdoor
2 competitive fishing events and activities; and

3 WHEREAS, recognizing organized student angler sport
4 fishing for grades 7-12 in Alabama would increase intrastate
5 tourism and contribute greatly to the economic impact of the
6 communities and counties where scheduled ASABFA sanctioned
7 events and activities are held; and

8 WHEREAS, a joint resolution passed in both Houses of
9 the Legislature and signed by the Governor, Act 2010-636,
10 encouraged the development of organized student angler fishing
11 in the State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, no Alabama or national athletic association
13 or agency recognizes, sanctions, or authorizes the formation
14 of student angler chapter clubs that would provide an
15 opportunity for student anglers of our state in grades 7-12 to
16 participate in the competitive sport or activity of fishing;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the ASABFA, formed under the Alabama
19 Non-Profit Unincorporated Association Act, is the grassroots,
20 nonprofit tax exempt umbrella organization leading the way for
21 the development of angler fishing chapter clubs that combine
22 the sport of fishing with the thrills of the outdoors on our
23 great Alabama rivers and lakes; and

24 WHEREAS, the ASABFA is an all volunteer organization
25 staffed with extremely experienced anglers to demonstrate the
26 necessary skills and professional experience to student
27 anglers, position them for future leadership roles through the

1 friendly spirit of competition, promote physical exercise, and
2 encourage student anglers to protect and promote the
3 conservation and preservation of the natural resources of our
4 great state; and

5 WHEREAS, the ASABFA is an organization funded by
6 membership dues, tournament fees, sponsorships, grants, and
7 other contributions; all funds received by the association are
8 expended for operation of the association for the benefit of
9 student anglers; and

10 WHEREAS, ASABFA does not require authorization for
11 any new expenditure or appropriation of state or local funds
12 by the Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, the ASABFA Board of Directors will include
14 one director representing the House of Representatives, one
15 director representing the Senate, and one director
16 representing the Governor as oversight for the organization;
17 now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize, by copy
20 of this resolution, the Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing
21 Association as the official organization for student bass
22 fishing anglers in the State of Alabama for grades 7-12.