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3 By Representative Williams (J)  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING MARK WHITLOCK ON BEING NAMED 2010 GOLD  
9 RETAILER OF THE YEAR IN THE MORE THAN \$5 MILLION CATEGORY.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend commendations  
12 and congratulations to Mark Whitlock, president of Mark's  
13 Outdoor Sports in Vestavia, Alabama, on being named 2010 Gold  
14 Retailer of the Year in the "Annual Sales More than \$5  
15 Million" category, becoming the first ever two-time winner of  
16 that category; the Alabama Retail Association made the award  
17 in cooperation with the University of Alabama at Birmingham  
18 School of Business at the 2010 Retail Day Luncheon held on  
19 September 22, 2010; and

20 WHEREAS, Mark Whitlock, a friend to all the patrons,  
21 considers his greatest assets to be his customers and  
22 employees; Mark's Outdoor Sports continues to deliver  
23 excellent goods and services to the customers and supports  
24 over 100 events annually; and

25 WHEREAS, Mark's Outdoor Sports celebrated its 30th  
26 year in business in 2010 and continues to support a myriad of  
27 conservation organizations; its concern for wildlife and fish

1 is unsurpassed; it annually restocks Lay Lake with bass  
2 fingerlings for Lay Lake open bass tournaments; and

3 WHEREAS, Mark Whitlock has overcome many personal  
4 challenges and he is credited with taking a lead role in  
5 increasing recreational tourism through promotion of motor  
6 sports; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mark Whitlock, president of  
9 Mark's Outdoor Sports, is honored and commended upon being  
10 named the 2010 Gold Retailer of the Year in the "Annual Sales  
11 More than \$5 Million" category by the Alabama Retail  
12 Association, and this resolution is offered in tribute to him  
13 along with heartiest congratulations on this outstanding  
14 achievement.