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3 By Senator Irons  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 07-APR-11

8 HONORING THE PROGRESS OF THE LOVING THE SHOALS  
9 MOVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, Loving the Shoals is a growing movement to  
12 enhance the quality of life of residents throughout the area;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Loving the Shoals movement is  
15 spearheaded by Jimmy Hayes, pastor of Christ Chapel in  
16 Florence; Joe VanDyke, preacher at Magnolia Church of Christ  
17 in Florence, and Mike Simon, a former minister who now owns  
18 Simon Solutions, a software company; and

19 WHEREAS, a strategic plan has been finalized with  
20 the assistance of Ed Castile, director of Alabama Industrial  
21 Development Training; and

22 WHEREAS, a major challenge is to transform the  
23 isolation and self-interest of individuals into working  
24 relationships for shared goals; and

25 WHEREAS, the Loving the Shoals vision is to live in  
26 a well-connected community where citizens are better informed  
27 and actively engaged in making a difference together,

1 improving the quality of life and opportunities in the Shoals;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the specific strategies and initiatives  
4 include: providing utilities aid for low-income households;  
5 assistance programs for senior citizens; creating or enhancing  
6 career and technical programs at schools, as well as expanding  
7 dropout prevention programs; and creating a grant-writing  
8 committee to ensure that all possible funds are obtained for  
9 the community; and

10 WHEREAS, achieving the Loving the Shoals vision  
11 depends upon relationships across religious, racial, ethnic,  
12 and socioeconomic lines to help all residents live healthier,  
13 more prosperous, and meaningful lives; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the dedicated leaders of the  
16 growing Loving the Shoals movement are honored and commended  
17 and, by copy of this resolution for appropriate presentation,  
18 we convey our highest esteem along with best wishes for  
19 continuing success in all future endeavors.