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

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4 ENROLLED, SJR74,

5 HONORING THE PROGRESS OF THE LOVING THE SHOALS
6 MOVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, Loving the Shoals is a growing movement to
9 enhance the quality of life of residents throughout the area;
10 and

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

16 WHEREAS, a strategic plan has been finalized with
17 the assistance of Ed Castile, director of Alabama Industrial
18 Development Training; and

19 WHEREAS, a major challenge is to transform the
20 isolation and self-interest of individuals into working
21 relationships for shared goals; and

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 14-APR-11

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