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3 By Representatives Ford and Galliher  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 03-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA STUDENT ANGLER BASS FISHING  
4 ASSOCIATION (ASABFA) AS THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENT  
5 BASS FISHING ANGLERS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.  
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7           WHEREAS, thousands of Alabama students throughout  
8 the state enjoy and participate regularly in fishing; and

9           WHEREAS, competitive student angler sport fishing is  
10 currently developing all over the nation on a formalized basis  
11 with the state of Illinois leading the way with over 300 of  
12 the state's 785 schools associated with student angler chapter  
13 clubs involved in the sport of fishing; and

14           WHEREAS, professional fishing and outdoor  
15 organizations such as TBF-FLW Outdoors, Bassmaster, and other  
16 organizations have expressed their support for the growth of  
17 student angler fishing for students in grades 7-12 as well as  
18 at the college level; and

19           WHEREAS, recognizing organized student angler sport  
20 fishing would allow thousands of youths, particularly those  
21 not interested in traditional sports, the opportunity to  
22 compete individually and on chapter club teams in outdoor  
23 competitive fishing events and activities; and

24           WHEREAS, recognizing organized student angler sport  
25 fishing for grades 7-12 in Alabama would increase intrastate

1       tourism and contribute greatly to the economic impact of the  
2       communities and counties where scheduled ASABFA sanctioned  
3       events and activities are held; and

4               WHEREAS, a joint resolution passed in both Houses of  
5       the Legislature and signed by the Governor, Act 2010-636,  
6       encouraged the development of organized student angler fishing  
7       in the State of Alabama; and

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

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

20              WHEREAS, the ASABFA is an all volunteer organization  
21      staffed with extremely experienced anglers to demonstrate the  
22      necessary skills and professional experience to student  
23      anglers, position them for future leadership roles through the  
24      friendly spirit of competition, promote physical exercise, and  
25      encourage student anglers to protect and promote the

1 conservation and preservation of the natural resources of our  
2 great state; and

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 08-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted