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3 By Representative Ford
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8 COMMENDING BARRY RYAN ON CELEBRATING HIS 50TH
9 BIRTHDAY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with absolute astonishment that news
12 is received of the impending celebration of the 50th Birthday
13 of Barry Ryan, who is founder and president of the "8th Grade
14 Forever" Club; and

15 WHEREAS, although the graying of his thinning hair
16 should have been a clue, he maintains the hilarity concepts of
17 a junior high school jokester; and

18 WHEREAS, on the occasion of his birthday, his sense
19 of humor can be forgiven because it stands in stark contrast
20 to his passionate devotion to faith, family, and worthy
21 community causes; and

22 WHEREAS, he has coached football and basketball for
23 28 years, positively impacting hundreds of young lives, both
24 boys and girls; and

25 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Donna, have three
26 biological sons, Mathew, Patrick, and David, and three
27 beautiful daughters-in-law and are expecting their first

1 grandchild soon; there are also another 31 sons added to the
2 family through the couple's dedicated service as houseparents
3 at Big Oak Ranch during the last 10 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Barry Ryan is an ardent fan of Auburn
5 University, first and foremost, although he added Alabama to
6 his enthusiasms when his sons were trainers for the Crimson
7 Tide; he occasionally has been known to wear red and white as
8 well as orange and blue (but never all at the same time) and
9 was finally able to utter "Roll Tide" a few times only because
10 his sons were involved in especially exciting games; in
11 addition, he does cheer for UAB, his alma mater; and

12 WHEREAS, through the years, and especially in the
13 last six months, Barry Ryan has grown emotional about
14 everything; he is avid about attending workouts at Crossfit, a
15 way of battling the onset of middle-age spread, and he has
16 been known to ask his wife: "Am I as fat as that guy over
17 there?"; and

18 WHEREAS, the friends and family of Barry Ryan are
19 inclined to be kind to this ancient old geezer, but the fact
20 remains that on May 5, 2013, he reaches the millstone of his
21 50th Birthday, half a Century, and the occasion must be one of
22 celebration not calibration, lest the elapsed time since his
23 teenage years be measured and recorded; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Barry Ryan is most highly
26 honored and commended, and it is directed that a copy of this
27 resolution be provided to him with heartiest congratulations

1 on his 50th Birthday and best wishes for every future
2 happiness.