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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 COMMENDING NICHOLAS HILLBURN FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE
9 AND ATHLETIC ABILITY IN APPREHENDING A FLEEING FELON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12 Nicholas Hillburn is recognized for his exceptional valor in
13 using his athletic prowess to tackle and subdue a
14 purse-snatcher on the run at a shopping center in Birmingham,
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, an 18-year-old senior, Nicholas Hillburn is
17 a standout player as a free safety for the Vestavia Hills High
18 School football team; he was at The Summit when the robbery
19 occurred, on a shopping trip with his father, who also spotted
20 the fleeing suspect in the parking lot; and

21 WHEREAS, motivated by witnessing the crime in
22 progress and encouraged by an off-duty law enforcement
23 officer, Nicholas Hillburn made his move, without regard to
24 the danger to himself; and

25 WHEREAS, Nicholas Hillburn successfully tackled the
26 29-year-old purse-snatcher and demobilized him until the
27 arrest could be made; and

1 WHEREAS, the purse was returned to the 60-year-old
2 victim; and

3 WHEREAS, Nicholas Hillburn refused to accept the
4 accolades conveyed to him, insisting that it was merely a case
5 of being in the right place at the right time, but accuracy
6 demands at least one addition to that explanation: the right
7 person being in the right place at the right time; and

8 WHEREAS, in an era when an entire generation of
9 teenagers is subjected to critical scrutiny and emphasis on
10 youth athletics is continually questioned, the heroism and
11 capability of Nicholas Hillburn will long endure as the source
12 of justifiable pride to the people of the State of Alabama; he
13 is truly deserving of our highest commendation and heartfelt
14 gratitude; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Nicholas Hillburn is hereby
17 most highly honored for his selfless courage and extraordinary
18 adeptness in tackling a purse-snatcher in flight at The Summit
19 in Birmingham on February 17, 2014, and it is directed that a
20 copy of this resolution be provided to him as evidence of the
21 esteem in which he is held.