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8 DESIGNATING HODGES, ALABAMA, AS THE OFFICIAL HORSE
9 TOWN OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, the Town of Hodges, Alabama, with a
12 population of a mere 310 residents and nestled quietly in
13 Franklin County, Alabama, is surrounded by giant rock cliffs,
14 towering trees, and majestic waterfalls providing a perfect
15 hideaway for tourists and others to explore and enjoy the
16 beautiful countryside of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, the Town of Hodges serves as a perfect
18 place to showcase Alabama nature, particularly Rock Bridge, a
19 100-foot-tall natural bridge and the surrounding canyon
20 beauty; several years ago, an impact study revealed that
21 developing a park there could provide an economic boost to the
22 area and with the use of local funds, government grants, and
23 countless dedicated volunteers, the Rock Bridge Canyon
24 Equestrian Park became a reality when it opened in October,
25 2013; and

26 WHEREAS, the Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park,
27 featuring 27 miles of trails, invites novice and experienced

1 horseback riders and hikers to enjoy the beauty of the canyon
2 and its surroundings; currently, the park includes primitive
3 and full hookup campsites, a bathhouse, pavilion, and covered
4 horse stalls; Alabama citizens of all ages and visitors from
5 all geographic regions have already begun to enjoy the trails
6 of the park, paying significant economic benefits to the
7 community; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is filled with
9 numerous, unique attractions for its citizens and tourists to
10 enjoy; the unwavering dedication, generosity, and tireless
11 hard work of the citizens of the Town of Hodges in developing
12 the Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park as a new attraction in
13 Alabama has been rewarded as the park has attracted visitors
14 from Washington, New Mexico, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, and
15 Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, the Town of Hodges, with its awesome
17 natural resources, and its dedicated citizens, who spent
18 countless hours, days, months, and years dreaming and working
19 to make the Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park come to life,
20 are deserving of honor and praise from the citizens of Alabama
21 and the Legislature; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Town of Hodges, Alabama,
24 is hereby designated the official Horse Town of the State of
25 Alabama, and we hereby urge all Alabama citizens to take due
26 note and support the continued development and longevity of
27 this incredible little town located in Franklin County.

