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3 By Representative Lindsey
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING THE COOSA-ALABAMA RIVER IMPROVEMENT
9 ASSOCIATION, INC.
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11 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
12 Association, Inc., was founded in 1890 in Gadsden, Alabama, by
13 a group of businessmen headed by William Patrick Lay to
14 promote improvements in the Coosa River for the purpose of
15 facilitating transport of goods between Gadsden and Rome,
16 Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the forward thinking of these businessmen
18 set in motion the dream of harnessing the power of the Coosa
19 River and connecting the Upper Coosa River Basin to the Port
20 of Mobile via the Alabama River; and

21 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
22 Association, Inc., was a driving force behind numerous
23 improvements in the Alabama, Coosa, and Tallapoosa River
24 Basins: The construction of federal and private hydropower
25 facilities to generate sufficient electrical power for
26 thousands of residences and businesses; the creation of
27 reservoirs and lakes that provide recreation and economic

1 benefits for the enjoyment of millions of outdoor enthusiasts;
2 the construction of a nine-foot navigation channel in the
3 Alabama River between Montgomery and Mobile; and

4 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
5 Association, Inc., was incorporated in 1955 in Montgomery,
6 Alabama, under the leadership of Dr. Robert F. Henry, Sr., to
7 promote continued development of the Alabama, Coosa, and
8 Tallapoosa Rivers; and

9 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
10 Association, Inc., represents cities, counties, businesses,
11 and private citizens addressing all issues pertaining to
12 economic benefits and development of the Alabama, Coosa, and
13 Tallapoosa River Basin; and

14 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
15 Association, Inc., has been, for 125 consecutive years, a
16 primary advocate for economic development of the river basins
17 in all aspects of navigation, recreation, hydropower, water
18 supply, flood risk management, and environmental stewardship;
19 now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor the
22 Coosa-Alabama River Improvement Association, Inc., for its 125
23 years of service to the citizens of the Alabama-Coosa
24 Tallapoosa River Basin, to the State of Alabama, and to the
25 nation.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
27 this resolution be prepared for the Coosa-Alabama River

1 Improvement Association, Inc., as an expression of our
2 appreciation.