

1 HJR57
2 165999-2
3 By Representative Lindsey
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 18-MAR-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE COOSA-ALABAMA RIVER IMPROVEMENT

4 ASSOCIATION, INC.

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6 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
7 Association, Inc., was founded in 1890 in Gadsden, Alabama, by
8 a group of businessmen headed by William Patrick Lay to
9 promote improvements in the Coosa River for the purpose of
10 facilitating transport of goods between Gadsden and Rome,
11 Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the forward thinking of these businessmen
13 set in motion the dream of harnessing the power of the Coosa
14 River and connecting the Upper Coosa River Basin to the Port
15 of Mobile via the Alabama River; and

16 WHEREAS, the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement
17 Association, Inc., was a driving force behind numerous
18 improvements in the Alabama, Coosa, and Tallapoosa River
19 Basins: The construction of federal and private hydropower
20 facilities to generate sufficient electrical power for
21 thousands of residences and businesses; the creation of
22 reservoirs and lakes that provide recreation and economic
23 benefits for the enjoyment of millions of outdoor enthusiasts;
24 the construction of a nine-foot navigation channel in the
25 Alabama River between Montgomery and Mobile; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 09-APR-15.

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16 Senate

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