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8 RECOGNIZING LEWIS SMITH LAKE AS ALABAMA'S PREMIER
9 LAKE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 Lewis Smith Lake for its importance as a major recreational
13 resource and source of beauty in our great state; and

14 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Lake provides numerous
15 invaluable recreational, economic, and aquatic wildlife
16 habitat benefits and is truly the "Premier Lake of Alabama";
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18 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Lake has the distinction of
19 being the deepest reservoir in Alabama with a maximum depth of
20 264 feet at Lewis Smith Dam and boasts approximately 642 miles
21 of shoreline; and

22 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Lake is renowned for its sport
23 and recreational fishing and holds the state record for the
24 largest Alabama spotted bass weighing in at 8 pounds and 15
25 ounces and a lake record largemouth bass weighing in at 11
26 pounds; the fishing activities of Lewis Smith Lake have
27 propelled economic success for the surrounding counties and

1 communities with an estimated 200,000 angler-hours of fishing
2 on the lake generating over \$3 million in angler expenditures;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Dam is one of the largest earth
5 and rock-filled dams in the eastern United States with a
6 maximum height of 300 feet and 2200 feet in length at the top;
7 the spillway is the top rated spot in Alabama for rainbow
8 trout fishing; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lewis Smith Lake watershed is teeming
10 with rich natural resources including the 180,000-acre
11 Bankhead National Forest, home of the Sipsey Wilderness Area
12 with more than 380 miles of rivers and streams; and

13 WHEREAS, the remarkable water clarity of Lewis Smith
14 Lake, along with its aesthetic value, make the lake a premier
15 destination for vacation and residential living as well as
16 water sports recreation; and

17 WHEREAS, the efforts of Alabamians to preserve this
18 incredible natural resource have been widespread and
19 extraordinary; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Lewis Smith Lake is hereby
22 recognized as the Alabama Premier Lake, and we offer our
23 deepest admiration and appreciation to all Alabamians who have
24 dedicated themselves to the conservation of Lewis Smith Lake
25 and have enjoyed its vast bounties.