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10 Gaston, Ellis, South, Simpson, McCutcheon, Blackshear,  
11 Ledbetter, Brown (C), Grimsley, Jones (S), Rogers, Gray,  
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8 COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT ALABAMA 650  
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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) was  
12 established in 2008 and designated by the United States  
13 Secretary of Interior as a National Recreational Trail in  
14 2009, and a National Water Trail in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, the ASRT originally extended for 650 miles  
16 and was designated as the longest one-state river trail  
17 starting in North Alabama on the Coosa River's Weiss Lake and  
18 ending at Fort Morgan, Alabama, where Mobile Bay meets the  
19 Gulf of Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2021, the ASRT is comprised of more than  
21 6,500 miles of accessible waterways and has helped to develop  
22 over 60 canoe and kayak rental shops and outfitters to promote  
23 the Great Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and  
24 contribute to the state's trail system economy; and

25 WHEREAS, the ASRT is operated by a small team of  
26 employees and a network of volunteers; it has developed  
27 statewide safety and education initiatives, 216 river-front

campsites, and with grant funds, erected more than 200 informational signs on waterways across the state; and

WHEREAS, to further the goals of the ASRT, the Great Alabama 650 adventure race was inaugurated in 2019 along the original 650-mile section of the ASRT drawing international attention, including over 1,000,000 "impressions" from news stories and social media posts; and

WHEREAS, the race was held for a second year in 2020; and

WHEREAS, winners in the race and their winning times were: Two-Person team, Joe Mann from Kansas City, Missouri, and Paul Cox from Atlanta, Georgia, 5 days, 22 hours, and 8 minutes; Male solo, Bobby Johnson from Dunedin, Florida, 6 days, 3 hours, and 51 minutes; Female solo, Salli O'Donnell from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 6 days, 5 hours, and 7 minutes; and

WHEREAS, this body recognizes the skill, perseverance, and mental and physical toughness of all participants, and particularly of the division winners; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the Great Alabama 650 Race are highly commended for this achievement, and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the ASRT office headquarters and to each of the division winners.